

## TOPAZ WEDDING.

A Rare Event in a Family History—  
Informal Reception and  
Light Refreshments.

MARRIED IN DECATUR 60 YEARS AGO.

The Husband is 86 and the Wife is 88—  
Both Received Their Friends  
at Their Comfortable Home.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Sixty years ago Monday, April 21, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Montgomery were united in marriage in the city of Decatur, and here they have resided ever since. Their topaz wedding was quietly and informally celebrated yesterday afternoon at the comfortable home, No. 506 North Main street, where a large number of elderly people of the community called at the residence from 3 to 6 o'clock to meet and greet the couple who were more than pleased with their old friends and neighbors, whom they had known when Decatur was but a small place. The invitations to the wedding were general. There were 125 calls during the afternoon, and all were cordially received. The greetings and good wishes of the callers were of an earnest and cheering character, and the bride and groom received many incidents and experiences of the early times. The floral decorations throughout the house were carefully arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery were married in Decatur by the late Dr. Cleary on April 21, 1836, and two persons who witnessed the union were present at the anniversary celebration. They were Samuel Allen, aged 86, and Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, who was a bridemaid at the wedding, aged 84, and they occupied seats on either side of the bride and groom of sixty years ago. The guests were received by Mrs. W. B. Hull and Mrs. R. L. Montgomery. In the dining room, Misses Lida and Lida Montgomery presided at the refreshment table and gave away the souvenirs consisting of carnations. The host and hostess are a remarkably couple in more ways than one. They are both well preserved in health and their manners are clear and distinct. They are both well preserved in health and their manners are clear and distinct. They are both well preserved in health and their manners are clear and distinct.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery was celebrated in a house which stood on the lot now occupied by Judge Rocco's home, that being the home of her parents. Her maiden name was Miss Penelope Brett and she was born October 11, 1808, in Prince William county, Virginia. She was the seventh child in a family of fifteen and came to Decatur in 1835 with her father and family. They immediately took up their residence at the corner of North and Water streets, but afterwards Mr. Brett went to the country and engaged in farming. He did not have to go very far in those days as Decatur was nothing more than a hamlet and there was farming land to be had on all sides for a small price. Mrs. Montgomery tells of her great-grandmother being the first wife of the father of George Washington. The fact is authenticated and it is naturally a source of some little pride to her. Her health has always been good while she never was a robust woman. At the age of 88 years she is still hale and hearty. She has solved the great girl question to her own satisfaction by refusing to have one in her house. To this day she takes care of her own household duties and does it with as much care and readiness as the best housewife in the city. In fact the people who are inclined to berate the newer generation think she does it a little better for the old-fashioned housekeeper is proverbial for being a good one.

Mr. Montgomery is a native of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, where he was born September 8, 1810, and is now 86 years old. He was the fourth child in a family of thirteen and he moved with his father and family to Nashville, Tenn., in 1818 where he resided until 1831. In those days the traveling was all done by coach and on horseback. In 1831, Mr. Montgomery's father gave him a horse and saddle and he turned his face toward Decatur to seek his fortune. He reached here in due time and as he himself expressed it his horse died on the following night and his possessions amounted to nothing more than his saddle and bridle. His father and family came on to the Decatur in the following spring. His grandfather, James Montgomery, was a soldier in the revolutionary war and saw much of the service and hardships of the war of independence. His own father, Robert Montgomery, was born in the year 1775, while the war was on and his father at the front fighting. After his arrival here Mr. Montgomery, who was a tailor by trade bought the corner lot on Water and Main streets and still owns that part of it which is occupied by the drug store. He had his tailor shop built thereon with living rooms in the rear and after his marriage he made his home there for some time. The lot at that time embraced eighty feet and it cost the owner just \$25. The city then was made up of a few houses and a great deal of unoccupied prairie land. Mr. Montgomery continued in the tailoring business until about 1840 when he retired and moved to a farm south of the city, because the confinement of his business did not agree with him. He soon tired of farming and came back to the city but he has never since been actively engaged in business. He bought

a seven-acre tract of land lying between the Wabash and nearly to North street and between Water and North street. He built his home on the corner lot at Main and Eldorado street and has lived on that lot ever since. That has been for a period of fifty years. He was a member of the second board of trustees of the village of Decatur in 1838. Henry Frasier and ex-Governor Oglesby were members of the same board. In politics Mr. Montgomery was first a whig and then a Republican and he has never varied from the principles of that party. He never fails to vote and yesterday morning he went to the polling place in his ward and cast a Republican ballot. Although a southern man he was opposed to slavery and when the war broke out his two sons, Alderman Montgomery and Theodorus Montgomery, entered the union army the latter dying in the service. Mr. Montgomery can tell many interesting incidents of the early history of this city. When he first engaged in business here there was not a great deal of money but there much trading and when people wanted anything they generally bought it with land. Once he wanted a silk hat and to get it he traded the lot where the May Bros grocery store now stands. He remembers the great freeze in the thirties. It commenced with a down pour of rain and in ten minutes it turned so cold that the flooded streets were frozen into a solid mass of ice. Dr. Reed had started on horseback that day for Nashville but had not gone far when the cold snap came. He turned back for home and when he reached his door he was nearly frozen to death. He was frozen fast to the saddle and had to be carried into his home. Mr. Montgomery was personally acquainted with Lincoln and all the other noted men of this section of the country in the early days.

The living children of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are Alderman Montgomery, Mrs. W. B. Hull and George Montgomery. They have seven grand children and three great grand children. The event which they celebrated yesterday comes to but few persons in this life. It is a pleasing sight to see this venerable couple so well preserved in every way and so vigorous in their old age, and their many friends hope that their lives may not be spared for many years to come.

## NO TIDINGS OF CUNNINGHAM.

He Has a Shady Record—Hoard of in Iowa—Still the Search Goes On.

The officers of the law seem to be up a stump, as to speak, as to W. S. Fox, alias Frank Cunningham, who is wanted for attempting to get money by crooked methods, but while they are looking for him in vain they are learning a good deal about the man's personal history.

The only tidings received since Saturday about the chap was a message from some point in Iowa stating that a party answering Cunningham's description had been seen in that town on the 17th. It is learned that the home of Cunningham's parents is at Calfax in McLean county, and that the young man has given his relatives lots of trouble and expense. His people are all highly respected. His father is now a candidate for the nomination for the office of circuit clerk of McLean county. Frank is lately declared to be a slippery fellow, having done time in the penitentiary in Montana for stealing from the express company he was working for. He is said to have forged a telegram on which he got money from the Corn Belt bank at Bloomington, but his friends made the loss good, and he was not prosecuted. While Frank was a resident postmaster at Salem he forged money orders amounting to several hundred dollars, which his grandfather made good.

## HER ROMANCE IS SOON ENDED.

Divorce and Warrant for Arrest Follow Marriage With an Englishman.

At Lucas Miss Flo Lewis was on Saturday granted a decree of divorce by Judge Vail from William Torley and her maiden name restored to her. The marriage of Miss Lewis and Lord Torley created a sensation last December, when it occurred. Torley is an actor and is known among the profession as Harry Lorraine.

When he came to Arcola last fall a half dozen of the village belles fell desperately in love with him. His choice fell upon Miss Flo Lewis and after a courtship of two weeks they planned to marry and leave town. They were married, but the same night the father of the girl stepped in and interfered. The next day it was learned the gay young Englishman had a wife at Grand Chain, Ill., from whom he had never been divorced.

Lord Torley was compelled to flee to his home in Leeds, England, where his father is a rich brewer. The grand jury Saturday returned an indictment against him for bigamy and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

## Quarterly Meeting.

May 10 and 17 the third quarterly meeting will be held at Long Creek M. E. church. The services will begin Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock and close on Sabbath night. This will be a meeting of great interest and the congregations will be full if the weather is fair. Rev. T. H. Agnew, of Stonington, will assist Rev. A. M. Danely in the services.

## Births.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Barnett, in Whitmore township, April 21, a son.  
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kessler, 805 West Mecon street, on April 20, a daughter.  
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Cunningham, of East Rodger avenue, on April 19, a daughter.

## MURDER WILL OUT.

William Lewis, in the County Jail,  
Wanted in Kentucky for  
Killing an Old Shoemaker.

AN OFFICER COMING AFTER HIM.

Lewis is a Colored Young Man Who  
Came Here Over Two Years  
Ago—Looks Like a Plain  
Case of Guilt.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

During the past several weeks Marshal Mason and Officer Williamson have been working quietly on a murder case, and now it is ripe for the publication of all that is known of the affair. About two years and a half ago William Lewis, aged 23 years, came to Decatur from Frankfort, the capital of Kentucky, and at once made himself acquainted with the people of his race. The young man was apparently an idiot. He was opposed to anything that looked like work, and was always getting into trouble. Once he was arrested for the crime of burglary with two other colored men. They were charged with stealing cigars from Osborn's store soon after the fire that took place at the store on North Water street. Lewis got out of the trouble, but his two companions in the theft were sent to the penitentiary. Lewis got his liberty.

Not long ago he was arrested for assaulting a woman on South Main street. He threw kitchen things at her and drew a revolver on her. He was caught hiding under a walk by the officers, and was hauled in the county jail. The revolver he had in his possession it was subsequently learned he had stolen from the Farmers' Bank. He got a fine of \$35 in the county court and imprisonment in the county jail.

During his imprisonment in some manner it got out that he was wanted at Frankfort, Ky., for the crime of murder, committed three years ago, shortly before the follow came to Decatur. The story was that Lewis had a difficulty with an old shoemaker, and in the fight the man was either cut or shot by Lewis, death resulting in a short time. Lewis disappeared at once, and after wandering about the country for a time he finally drifted to this city where he has several relatives. There seemed to be something in the case, and Marshal Mason and Officer Williamson followed it up with the result that in a few days Lewis will be taken back to Kentucky to stand trial for the crime of murder. Letters and telegrams have been received from Frankfort in answer to messages sent by Marshal Mason, who is now convinced from all that he can learn that Lewis is the chap who killed the shoemaker. Mason is in receipt of a telegram he held Lewis, a message sent by John E. Tobin, the chief of police at Frankfort, who says that an officer will come for Lewis with a requisition. The officer is expected to arrive today. Lewis has served out his time in the county jail for the scrape with the woman, but he had not paid his fine. Mason arranged to have him held in jail for non-payment of the fine until he could hear from Kentucky. Lewis might have been released several days ago had the sheriff returned the execution "no property found," for then the court has no alternative but to discharge prisoners of that class under the proper act.

This is but one of many cases of crookdom which officers in the discharge of their duty unearth in a quiet way while they are apparently doing nothing. If the clue given as to Lewis and his Kentucky history had been ignored the fellow might have gone scot-free for all time, and there would have been no punishment meted out to him for his offenses. Mason and Williamson worked the matter up cleverly and were not long in putting the legal screws to Lewis when they were convinced that there was a probability of his guilt. The Kentucky officers were seemingly at a loss to locate Lewis for whom they had been searching ever since the old shoemaker was murdered, and were quick to respond and give facts when word came from Decatur that the man they wanted was here.

## From the Daily of Wednesday.

This morning Albert Jeffers, city marshal of Frankfort, Ky., arrived in the city to take charge of William Lewis, alias Langford Lewis, the negro who is wanted at Frankfort for the murder of another negro, Adam Norman, which occurred three years ago. Marshal Mason, as stated last evening, had notified the officials at Frankfort that he had the man and Marshal Jeffers came to Decatur at once. He was accompanied by T. B. Norman, the brother of the murdered man. Jeffers said that he had known the man and felt sure that he could identify him but he brought Norman with him so that he could be on the safe side.

At about 4:30 o'clock this morning Marshal Mason took Mr. Jeffers and Norman to the county jail. Lewis was aroused from his sleep and as soon as he appeared the two men recognized him at once. He did not admit or deny that he knew them. Mr. Jeffers said that he would have known him anywhere and Norman was equally confident. The latter asked Lewis if he remembered the time when he used to shovel coal in the distillery at Frankfort and Lewis laughed. It seems that the two men had worked together at one time.

## The Murder of Adam Norman.

The crime for which Lewis is wanted is the murder of Adam Norman, which occurred on Easter Sunday three years ago.

Lewis, Adam Norman and about a dozen other men and women had gathered at a disreputable house situated in the tough quarter of Frankfort, and which was frequented by negroes. They had come together to enjoy themselves and they drank freely. It appears that there was a woman in the case, whose name Norman says is Annie Lamm. Adam Norman and Lewis were jealous of each other and while they were together hot words passed between them and a quarrel ensued. It ended by Lewis drawing a revolver from his pocket and firing at Norman. The bullet struck the latter in the breast and inflicted a mortal wound. He died about twenty minutes after the shooting. All of the other men and women present witnessed the deed.

The pistol shot was heard by the officers but when they arrived at the scene Lewis had made good his escape and was out of reach. An effort was made by the officers to capture him but since the crime he had never been heard of until Marshal Mason notified Mr. Jeffers.

## Secured a Warrant.

As soon as Marshal Jeffers had seen Lewis he went to Springfield and secured the necessary requisition acknowledging his arrest. He arrived here at 11:18 o'clock this morning and will leave tonight for Frankfort. He says that Lewis will be tried very soon and that it is probable that he will be given a sentence in the penitentiary. There were about a dozen witnesses to the shooting and of these all are living excepting two or three, so there will be no trouble in bringing strong evidence against Lewis.

## Contested to the Officers.

Although Lewis pretended not to recognize the marshal when he called upon him this morning he talked to the turkeys of the jail after the visitors left. He said to Jeffers, "I killed that man's brother." He then told some of the details of the crime and said that he had wandered all over the country since the crime had been committed and that the marshal and Norman were the first persons from Frankfort that he had seen. When a reporter called upon Lewis today and asked him if he recognized the visitors he said that his business was to make any statement one way or the other or to listen to any questions.

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## HOCKADAY ELECTED.

The Orleans Supervisor Chosen to  
Preside by Acclamation—  
Other Business.

McClelland Overseer of the Poor.

Full List of the Members of the County  
Board—Grand Jury for the  
June Term of  
Court.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The special meeting of the Marion board of supervisors was held at the court house this afternoon with all of the old members and the newly elected members present as follows:

Austin—W. L. Gaines  
Blau Mound—J. W. Turner  
Decatur—J. B. Bullard, J. A. Davidson, J. C. Hanes, James Hollinger, F. W. Klipp, W. J. Magee, H. F. May, W. H. Spence, George W. Stoy.  
Frankfort—C. J. Orr  
Harrison—J. F. Matthews  
Hickory—C. A. Thrift  
Illini—C. W. French  
Long Creek—J. E. Rucker  
Marion—David Weillup  
Mason—O. H. Draper  
Mt. Zion—C. H. Scott  
Millam—Archie Dueson  
Niantic—John Graves  
Oakley—M. A. Nucky  
Pleasant View—W. H. Bean  
Whiteland—M. A. Conrad  
Whitmore—Ross Hockaday.

The board was called to order by Deputy County Clerk Frank Dodd, who stated that the first business in order would be the election of temporary chairman. Supervisor C. W. French, of Illini township, was placed in nomination and he was elected without opposition.

The clerk then read the list for the special meeting and on motion Supervisor Weillup, of Marion, Scott, of Mt. Zion, and Hane, of Decatur, were appointed a committee on credentials. The committee reported to a jury room and made up its report which on motion was adopted, sending all members elect whose names appear in the above list.

## Hockaday Elected Chairman.

The next business in order was the election for permanent chairman of the board. Supervisor Stoy of Decatur, placed Supervisor Ross Hockaday, of Whitmore township, in nomination for chairman, seconded by Supervisor Bullard, of Decatur. There being no further nominations on motion of Supervisor Spence of Decatur, Mr. Hockaday was declared elected by acclamation.

Mr. French at once surrendered the chair to Mr. Hockaday who took occasion to say that he thanked the members of the board for the honor conferred upon him, especially for the unanimous choice. He said that during the coming year it would be his aim to treat all fairly and impartially, and he believed that all would work together for the good of Marion county.

The roll of members was called and the minutes of the former meeting were approved.

On motion Supervisors Bean, Multhead and Thrift were appointed a committee on rules.

Supervisor May resigned his office as overseer of the poor as he has done at all former meetings; and thereupon the board proceeded to elect an overseer. Applications for the place were made by J. C. Hane, John S. Jones, J. S. McClelland and M. J. Wallace. The informal ballot resulted McClelland 12, Hane 6, Wallace 4, Jones 3. The formal ballot resulted McClelland 17, Hane 6, Wallace 1, Jones 1. Mr. McClelland was declared elected.

## The board will select grand jurors for the June term of court.

## BAKER-SEELIG.

Happy Home Wedding at Noon To-Day—  
Will Reside at the State Capital.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Miss Maude L. Seelig and Joseph W. Baker, Jr., were united in marriage at noon today at the home of the bride, 1756 North Main street, by Rev. B. A. Gilchrist, of Normal, cousin of the bride. A delectable wedding repast was served and this afternoon the couple left for Springfield where they will make their home on South Seventh street, No. 608. The groom is a freight conductor on the Wabash with Springfield as headquarters. The ceremony was performed in front of a mantle banked with potted flowers and palms, while the parlor and table decorations were in green and white. The bride was attired in a gown of white organdie without train and trimmed in Valenciennes lace. The following were here from a distance to attend the ceremony: Rev. R. A. Gilchrist and wife of Normal, Ill.; W. H. Champion and daughter, Misses Ora and Lola and son Clyde, of Green Bay, Wis.; Miss Lena and Charles Conner of Chicago, Mrs. J. K. Niles of Denver, Col.; Mrs. C. A. Hall and daughter, Luck, of Niantic, and Miss Ida Kapp and Miss Cora Buckles of Niantic.

## Township Sabbath School Convention.

On May 2nd the Mt. Zion township Sunday school convention will assemble at Prairie Hall U. B. church. There will be a morning and afternoon session, a basket dinner will be served on the ground.

## Married.

At his office by Justice P. B. Provost at 10 a. m., April 20, Luther E. Martin and Miss E. Hector, both of Mt. Zion.

Quick in effect, heals and leaves no scar. Burning, scaly skin eruptions quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Applied to burns, scalds, old sores, it is magical in effect. Always cures piles. West's Drug Store.

## THE WOMEN VOTED.

School Board Election. Held on Saturday—Result at Marion.

Assumption.

Marion, April 20.—At the school election here there were 414 votes cast, being the largest number of votes ever cast at a school election here. The ladies were out in full force and some of them hustled voters to the polls in carriages. B. F. Shipley was elected president, E. P. Bowden and H. G. Kepler members of the board.

## Assumption.

Illinois, Ill., April 20.—The following were elected President, A. Pear, trustees, W. T. Wallace, J. B. Urral, A. Fleck. The women turned out for the first time, and elected their entire ticket.

## Illinois, Ill., April 20.—At the election for members of the board of education.

Dr. J. W. D. Mayes, the Republican candidate, was elected by a majority of 18. A large number of ladies voted.

## Lincoln, Ill., April 20.—The Republican primaries were very interesting.

It was thought, but the election of a president and two members of the board of education clearly outlasted it. The battle was begun at 1 o'clock and did not cease until several minutes after 3, as some voters were still endeavoring to cast ballots after the polls were closed. There were 347 votes cast by women out of a total of 1,115. Several combinations were in the field, and many unkind and ungenerous acts were indulged in, and the local ward poliers were given new ideas—those of the sterner sex. The township Democratic primaries up stairs confused some of the unwary. These are the winners: Dr. H. B. Brown, president, 917 votes; E. G. King, member, 993; Caroline Lutz, member, 848. King figured on several tickets.

The defeated were: T. T. Holton, for president, 214; Dr. Selma Miller, 335; Mrs. L. L. Morrison, 105.

The board of education when reorganized will be as follows: President, H. D. Brown, doctor, members, L. L. Leads, doctor, Katherine Miller, doctor, E. C. Moos, lawyer, E. G. King, lawyer, S. S. Rohit, banker, Caroline Lutz.

## HARD TIMES AT TABERNACLE.

Collection Baskets Came Empty—  
Money Received at the Doors.

As usual there were large audiences at the Christian Tabernacle both morning and evening on Sunday. Rev. George F. Hall seemed to be in good spirits and preached two earnest, practical sermons. Just before taking the collection at each service the pastor announced that somebody, presumably his opponents in the board, had given the treasurer, W. A. Williams, instructions to pay him no more on salary till he resigned. Mr. Hall said he thought this was a peculiar way to do, try to turn a man off without paying him up. There is about \$250 coming him all told he said \$150 of the amount having accrued before his thirty days' notice was up. So he announced that two collections would be taken, the first and regular one for the use of the "bigger" element, and then at the close of the services three persons would be found stationed at the doors to receive the offerings of those who wished to see the pastor receive his salary. The result was astonishing. At the morning service six baskets came back empty, and the seventh contained just five cents, deposited by a little girl. This the treasurer took. But down at the doors Mr. Hall's collectors received over \$24, outsiders and new converts being among the heaviest contributors. At night the baskets came in with eleven cents, while the pastor's collection at the doors reached \$14. And this morning one who was not able to be present yesterday called at the parsonage and gave the preacher \$15, making a total of \$39 for Mr. Hall, as against 10 cents for the "ruling power." This plan will be kept up until some better arrangement can be made. Mr. Hall's friends regret the necessity of such a course, but they say this is a free country, and American citizens have a right to pay their money to whom they please. They resent as a gross insult the insinuation that the opposition has been peddling around that the paying members of the church are against the pastor. They claim that four-fifths of all that has been raised the past two years came from those who are now in sympathy with Mr. Hall.

## There were four conversions at the evening service, and a number of baptisms.

The pastor announced that these made a grand total of 570 accessions to the church during his pastorate of not quite twenty-eight months.

## Marriage Licenses.

Joseph W. Baker, Decatur  
Maude L. Seelig, Decatur.  
Luther E. Martin, Mt. Zion.  
Minnie E. Hector, Mt. Zion.  
Lewis E. Wits, Blue Mound.  
Mrs. E. Colburn, Blue Mound.

## A Populist congressional convention will be held at Jacksonville, April 28.

Attorney C. C. Leforgoe was in campaign yesterday on business.

## YAIL ON THE BENCH.

No Decisions in the Garver and Collins Cases—Put Off for About Two Weeks.

HABEAS CORPUS CASE DISMISSED.

Judge Vail to be at Sullivan For Two Weeks—Judge Bookwalter to Come Over to Hear the Nicholson-Jeffers Evidence.

From the Daily of Monday.

This forenoon Judge Vail was on the bench in the circuit court for a short time to pass on anything that might be brought up by the attorneys, before the time came for him to start for Sullivan to open the April term of the Missouri circuit court. He was at Decatur all last week holding court under an agreement with Judge Wright. He has finished his promised work there and now he is ready for trial at Sullivan, where among other important matters will come up the investigation of the Atterberry lynching affair. The judge stated today that he would supply do his duty in that case, instructing the grand jury as to their duties and then he would let it go at that.

In about this morning the first thing to come up was the case of William Scheppey vs. Harry Binstock and wife, an action under habeas corpus proceedings, by which Scheppey desired to gain possession of his child. The matter has been adjourned without a hearing, and Attorney Sterrett entered a motion to dismiss the matter. It was so ordered. The father has his child and he will pay the costs.

In the case of Franklin Veech, against Mrs. Robinson, his former wife to get possession of his little 8-year-old daughter, the court said he would not grant the motion made to modify the decree of adoption granted in the county court. He said if there was anything wrong with the adoption decree Mr. Veech had his remedy in the courts and he could bring action. The little girl will continue to remain with her adopted parents.

The attorneys for the petitioner in this case were J. M. Gray and James Lee. Attorney J. L. Deek represented the other parties in interest.

The court announced that he was not ready to give his decision in the Garver and Collins cases, as he had been rushed with work all week. He could not tell now when he would be ready, but he would dispose of both cases before court was adjourned for the term. He remarked something serious would happen to the man who had sprung the Collins case on him.

Attorney Park in the case of Smith vs. Smith suggested that two of the parties in interest since the suit began had changed their names by marriage, and he thought there should be a minute made of the fact. He said Mrs. Gallagher had changed her name to Brown and that Mrs. Gertrude Waltz had changed her name to Huff.

In the case of Love vs. The Covenant Insurance company the action was dismissed for want of equity.

It was stated by Attorney Walker that Judge Bookwalter might be here next Monday to take up the Nicholson vs. Jeffers case, in which case it might be well to adjourn court for only one week. It was so ordered, and court was ordered to stand adjourned until next Monday at 9 a. m.

## TWO DIVORCE CASES.

Harry Baldwin Declares that His Wife Made It Hot for Him With Household Articles.

From the Daily of Monday.

There were two applications for divorces filed in the office of the circuit clerk today.

The first was that of Harry R. Baldwin who is very anxious to secure legal separation from his wife, Lillie Baldwin, on the ground of cruelty. The couple were married in the city of St. Louis, May 26, 1881, and the complainant lived with his wife until September, 1895, when she could stand her cruel treatment any longer, and he left her. Harry alleges in his application that Lillie has struck him with a tea cup, with a bucket, a broomstick and also with a hatchet. And further that Lillie is a woman of great nastiness of temper, and that he cannot get along with her. His attorney is J. M. Gray. The evidence will be heard at the June term of court.

Mrs. Ella Jackson on the ground of desertion asks that she be granted a divorce from her husband, John F. Jackson. The couple were married in Decatur in December, 1879, and continued to live together until September, 1894, when Ella disappeared. There are three children, aged 4 to 15 years. The wife asks the custody of the children. Gray & Gray are the attorneys for the complainant.

A new postoffice has been established at Rookside, Livingston county.

## Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

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The frost that kills the fruit crop every spring is due.

We are anxious to know what has become of that man Chandler?

Chicago Post—"Why am I an agitator?"—Robert J. Ingewill. For dollars.

This is Arbor Day throughout Illinois. Exercises were held at three Decatur schools.

A Hill button has been put upon the market when bears this confusion: "I am a Democrat."

The sublime motto has suddenly taken a sublime notion that the American missionaries may remain in Armenia.

It will not be decided which one of the combine will reply to Governor's figures the next round until about Tuesday.

The next move of the combine to compass the defeat of McKinley will probably be to have the "socks" declare against him.

McKinley got seventeen delegates yesterday who are instructed for him, which is thirteen more than any other competitor received.

The indications now are that the Republican national convention will have no trouble with the financial plank of their platform.

The Republicans at the St. Louis convention will find the P's and Q's but the chances are that the P's and Q's will elude the nomination.

Quite a number of the people Holmes claims to have killed are insisting that he lied about it. This may properly be regarded as a question of venality.

Weyler has retired another officer for a failure in the field. He is excusable on the ground that he tried to remove himself for his own failures not long since.

Some time ago the combine predicted there would be a reaction against McKinley but just the same about sixty per cent of the delegates elected continue to be for the Ohio man.

During the week ending Thursday, 119 delegates to St. Louis were chosen, of which number 70 are for McKinley, Reed 21; Bradley 10; Quay 4; Allison one and two from Massachusetts and two from Alabama are unpledged.

A leader in that organization says there will be no split in the prohibition party. This is entirely satisfactory and is a guarantee that the organization has not tried of throwing its weight into the air to hear itself drop.

The Democrats are not so solid for all as they were when the Republicans were trying to legislate on the currency question several years ago. At that time the entire embargo from Catholic land voted and voted and voted for free silver.

Billy Lorrimer is still of the opinion that the Illinois delegates to the St. Louis convention shall be in the best position to do the best thing for Illinois at the right time. He will probably be of the same opinion after the convention has adjourned.

England is planned at the condition of affairs in Macedonia and will she may be. If the reports that the Germans are at the bottom of the revolt, President Kruger is fairly old for his people are fighting as England has heretofore discovered.

It now looks very much as if Governor's prediction that McKinley will have enough delegates on the first day of May to nominate him on the first ballot will be fulfilled. In that case J. Olin Thompson will be squared at least one kilometer of confidence and a kilogram of trouble.

Mr. Woodward, an American newspaper reporter, who is now in Havana, has interviewed General Weyler and reports him as being a man who above five feet tall and very free to suggest that the United States had better keep its hands off Spain's affairs. If it wants to keep out of trouble.

Where a district in Kentucky instructs for Bradley it also instructs the delegates for McKinley for second choice. The people are determined that the combine shall not get hold of the delegates after the delegates are through with the favorite son, and the people are right about it. They have some rights they dare protect for themselves.

One congressional district in Maine and one in Massachusetts yesterday each appointed two delegates to the national convention without instructions. According to the Illinois theory Maine must be sending her delegates to St. Louis to do the best it can for the state at the right time. Lorrimer has evidently got in his work on Maine.

We are told that the A. P. A. has been refused an interview by McKinley and that the entire matter is now fighting him. This may satisfy some people but it is a little hard to understand why. If the effort was an honest one, no attempt has been made to interview Reed, Allison, Morton and Cullum. The more one looks at it, the more it takes on the appearance of a last ditch move of the combine.

Silver Bland has been endorsed by the Missouri Democrats for president on a free trade and free silver platform. There was no one at the convention to object to this

proceeding and he, no doubt, is pleased over the result. But suppose he should carry the matter far enough to get into the Democratic convention with his cargo, and suppose that convention should declare for a gold standard and fail to nominate him what a wailing there would be in Missouri.

The A. P. A. is reported to have been notified by those at the head of the order that it is opposed to the nomination of McKinley, and that those at the head of the order are attending Republican state conventions and there urge that McKinley must not be endorsed. There is this feature as to this movement which, so far as we know has not been explained. The A. P. A. is said to be non-partisan and being so, some of those at the head of the order who are interfering at the Republican state conventions, it is fair to presume, are Democrats. Then what right has a Democratic attempt to dictate to a Republican state convention who it shall or shall not endorse? On the other hand, if they may dictate to a Republican state convention, why do they not display the same interest in the Democratic conventions that are being held? There is another feature of this event that is hard to understand. Not long ago the same officials denounced Senator Cullum and others for their votes in the senate confirming the appointment of General Copping, but now Cullum is said to be all right and McKinley is all wrong. It is safe to predict that in the light of these facts the officials will have future explanations to make to the membership. If it should prove that the A. P. A. activity against McKinley is part of the play of the combine, which is trying to defeat McKinley, the order as a whole, will suffer for the conduct of those who misrepresent it.

**The Fortification Bill.**  
The passage by the house of the fortifications bill was by a vote practically unanimous. The bill carries specific appropriations for \$6,849,987, and authority is given the secretary of war to make contracts involving the further expenditure of \$5,849,970—in all, \$11,699,957—all within the coming year.

Speaking to the bill, in the senate, Senator Squire said that since 1875 there had been spent for river and harbor improvements \$79,016,317, and for coast defenses only ten of eleven millions.

Some incident had to awaken the nation to its defenseless condition. That occurred in December, and if the Venezuela affair amounts to nothing else, it has at least aroused the people to the necessity of preparing for war in time of peace. Nothing makes war. The amounts probably to be authorized—for it is to be presumed that the bill will pass the senate—are comparatively small. They are only one-tenth of what ought to be spent to carry out the plans of the department. They are all for defense—not offense.

It has taken twenty years for Mr. Tilden's words to prevail. But they have been heard at last.

**Protection and Reciprocity.**  
The committee on ways and means in the house has come to a conclusion in relation to enacting a reciprocity measure. The committee says that the matter is so closely allied with the tariff question that it cannot be properly effected except in conjunction with the formulation of a general tariff act. This view is logical on the ground that reciprocity is based on the same principle as protection. The theory of reciprocity is that for the admission, free, of such products of other countries as we do not produce, such countries shall be required to admit into their ports free, or at such a favorable ratio of duties as to give us the advantage over other competitors, such products as we have to sell, and which perhaps they do not produce. This opens markets for the American farmers' products and also for the product of our manufacturers. This aids in diversifying our industries, creating a demand for our labor, stimulating the farmers' home market and putting our people in a position where they are able to buy the goods of our merchants and thus make the country prosperous. A protective tariff proceeds upon the same principle, so protection and reciprocity must go hand in hand with protection to be systematically applied. When the Republican party again comes into power, as it is hoped it will, the whole question can be taken up and be disposed of properly and the country again be started on the road to prosperity.

**An Abundance of Politics.**  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat: From the present indications there will be a larger supply of politics in the country in 1896 than anybody else or eight months ago expected. The prohibitionists, who form the oldest of all the "third" parties, will have a ticket in the field, and so, probably, will the Populists, while there is a chance that the so-called bimetallicists, who are really silver monetarists, will also put up candidates. Within the past few days a re-enforcement to the ranks of the minor parties which will make nominations has been promised from the A. P. A. Here are four presidential tickets, in addition to those of the two great parties. Politics thus takes on a variegated appearance which was entirely undreamed of in the earlier days of the government. When the abolitionists a little over half a century ago first began to "flock by themselves" they were called impracticals and fanatics by the great mass of the people. "Why don't you fight your battles inside of party lines?" was the question which was put to the man who left the Democrats and Whigs in 1840 and 1851 and supported Birney for President. A "third" party had never been seen in national politics before that time except in 1852, when the anti-Masons nominated William Wiet. Subsequently, or in 1848 and 1852, the more moderate anti-slavery men, or the Free Soilers, put up tickets, and in the Buchanan and Fremont campaigns the Know-Nothings, the A. P. A. of that day, nominated ex-President Fillmore. When in 1860, however, there were four national tickets in the field—Republican, Northern Democratic, Southern Democratic and Constitutional Union—

everybody supposed that the furthest limit in the possibilities of partisan diversification had been reached. Yet in some of the recent canvases the record of 1860 in the number of tickets was beaten, and it promises to be beaten in a still greater degree in 1896. In 1860, of course, the smaller parties polled a heavy popular vote, and secured a good deal of strength in the Electoral College, while only one of the three minor parties, the Populist, in the field of 1892, gained any electoral votes. The indications are that neither that nor any other of the "third" parties will secure any electors this year, yet the great number to which the parties have attained gives an interest to the canvases which, under existing conditions, could not otherwise be secured. Almost every shade of political belief will be represented in the campaign. The man who can not find something to suit him in this variegated array of parties may well be an object of wonder or distrust to his countryman.

**The Race for the Candidacy.**  
The St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The estimates of the number of delegates obtained by each of the Republican presidential aspirants continue to be widely divergent, depending upon the personal preferences of the men making them. A little over 600 delegates out of the 900 to be in the St. Louis convention were chosen up to Saturday night, and Representative Grosvenor, who heads the McKinley literary bureau, says 315 of them were for McKinley, while Congressman Aldrich, a Reed man, declares that McKinley has 160 delegates and Reed 111. These estimates represent the extremes on each side as between McKinley and Reed. The New York Tribune, which favors McKinley, places McKinley's present strength at 250, and that of Reed, who is second in all the figuring, at 89, while the Philadelphia Press, which is exhibiting no special bias for or against any aspirant, makes McKinley's vote 253 and Reed's 71.

In the estimates of both the Tribune and the Press McKinley is given a majority of all the delegates thus far chosen. A few of those, however, counted for the Ohio man in the Southern states are doubtful, and will continue to be so until the balloting takes place. The contests, also, may change these figures somewhat. It is evident, though, that very nearly if not quite half of the delegates already selected can be relied on to support the Ohio man. Reed is second, and Morton thus far is third, but Allison is likely to lead the New York aspirant before the last of the states to choose delegates is reached. But these three are so far behind McKinley that none of them looks at all formidable now. Cullum has only twelve delegates at present, and Quay and Bradley are not considered seriously for the nomination by anybody.

Kentucky, Nebraska, North Dakota, Maine and New Jersey will elect delegates at large to St. Louis this week. Next week Texas (Lilly White faction), Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania will hold state conventions. Outside of Maine, which will declare for Reed, and Pennsylvania, which will probably instruct for Quay, the greater part of the delegates will undoubtedly go to McKinley, though Bradley's forces will probably make a strong fight in Kentucky. The only other state having a local favorite which is yet to hold its convention is Illinois, which has its meeting two weeks from today, and there is a strong probability that Cullum will withdraw before that date. The other important states to choose delegates at large are Indiana, Michigan and Missouri, and in all of these McKinley is supreme. If the Ohio man maintains his present lead ten days longer his nomination on the first ballot will look decidedly probable.

#### ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS.

Three More Counties Instruct for McKinley and Lett District Solid.  
Shelbyville, Ill., April 17.—The Republican convention of Shelby county met here yesterday. Resolutions were adopted instructing the delegates to the state convention to vote for McKinley for president, Tamm for governor, Northcott for lieutenant governor, J. M. Truitt for attorney general, Wm. E. Mason for United States senator, and H. W. Butler for clerk of the supreme court.

Delegates were instructed to vote for instructions to the St. Louis delegates to work and vote for McKinley for president. As Madison, Monticello and Fayette counties have already adopted similar instructions, this insures the two delegates from the Eighteenth congressional convention for McKinley.

**Pike County.**  
Pittsfield, Ill., April 17.—The Pike county Republican convention was held in this city today. Col. A. C. Matthews, chairman; S. T. Donohoe, secretary; H. M. Hollenbeck, assistant secretary. Great enthusiasm prevailed, and the mention of McKinley at all times caused applause. H. D. L. Orsigh was nominated by acclamation for state's attorney, Frank Shelly, clerk, C. L. Gray, survivor, John E. Morton, coroner.

A resolution was adopted instructing for Tamm for governor, Chapman, lieutenant governor; Charles Binnols, member state central committee; Rinsaker for congress; Mable, state senator; A. C. Matthews of Pike, and S. F. McKnight, Macoupin delegates to the national convention, and William McKinley for president.

**Adams County.**  
Quincy, Ill., April 17.—The Adams county Republican convention met in the city hall this morning. The objects of the meeting were to elect twenty delegates to the state convention, twenty to the senatorial district convention and thirty to the congressional convention. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Congressman D. F. Marsh and favoring a sound money standard. The resolution endorsing Dr. Joseph Robbins and instructing the delegates to the state convention to cast their votes for him as a candidate for governor was enthusiastically adopted. Resolutions endorsing Hon. William McKinley were adopted, but the resolution to instruct the delegates to the national convention to vote for him was defeated.

## ARBOR DAY.

Interesting Exercises Held at the Schools—Addresses and Recitations.

TREES PLACED IN THE SCHOOL YARD.

Observance of the Governor's Proclamation—Elms Put in the Ground to Grow and Spread—At the High School.

From Friday's Daily.  
Today is Arbor Day, the time for the planting of trees in this state. The day is authorized by a special act of the state legislature which says that the governor shall each year issue a proclamation setting apart a day to be observed throughout the state as the time for planting trees, shrubs and vines. On March 26 the proclamation was issued by the governor. Samuel J. Inglis, the state superintendent of public instruction has sent out to the schools teachers in all parts of the state a circular letter asking that they lead the pupils of their schools in the observation of the day. It is estimated that at least 60,000 shade trees will be planted today by the school children throughout the state.

**High School.**  
Arbor Day was well celebrated in this city. The members of the senior class at the High school have taken the matter up and today planted a tree and held appropriate exercises. It was the first class that has ever observed the day. After the school had been dismissed this afternoon the members of the class, numbering about 260, gathered in the yard east of the building. A young elm tree had been selected and was planted in the ground. With it was buried a glass jar in which were the names of all the boys and girls in the class. The opening address was made by Gus Johnson. He told the origin of the day and gave a history of what had been done at different times. He spoke of the different manner in which it was observed in different states. He dwelt especially upon the fact that the day was observed mostly by the students of the schools. Miss Florence Hutchinson made a prophesy of the tree. She said that the members of the class would in after years look upon the tree with pride and told what might possibly be the history of the tree. Miss Anna Hutchinson recited the poem by George P. Morris, "Woodman, Spare that Tree," and an appropriate poem was given by Miss Grace Ethel. Several songs were sung by the members of the class. The exercises were quite interesting as they were the first of the kind that have ever been held at the High school.

**At the Jasper Street School.**  
The children at the Jasper street school also held a celebration. The following program was given: "Influence of the Forest," Frank Deetz; "Benefit of the Forest," Josie Burns; spring song, by the first grade; "The Cary Tree," Mabel Brant; "Beautiful Things," Vio Cave; "God's House," Lucile Oakes; "The Tree," Clara McNeil; recitation, Hazel King; blossom drill by the first grade; "The Secret," Guy La Fourrette; "Arbor Day," Dot Evans; Little Seed," second grade; "Thank God for the Tree," Blanche Head; "Miss Willows," Hattie Trot; "Pussy Willow," sung by the first and second grade; "What do You Plant When You Plant a Tree," Bronnie Wilson; "The Squirrel Tree," Carl Head and Floyd Holzer; "He Who Plants a Tree," George Brant; recitation, "How it Came," by several little girls; "Why and Because," Joe McDonald and George Bruce; "Death of the Giant," Pearl Leib, read drill by the fourth grade; Arbor Day anthem by the school.

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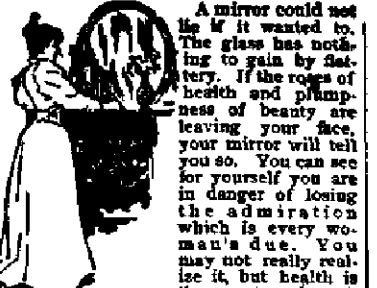
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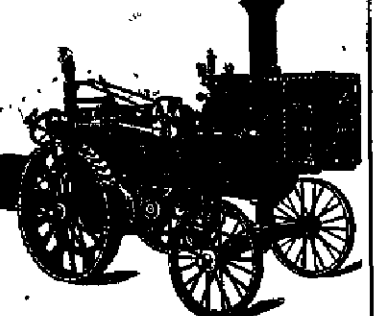
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**METHODISTS TO MEET.**

The Great Gathering to Be Held at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning May 1 and lasting perhaps through the month.

This is a quadrennial session and Bishop Thomas Bowman of St. Louis will preside the first day.

The conference will be made up of nearly 200 lay delegates and twice as many ministers, representing the conferences in the United States, Europe, China, Japan, Mexico and India.

One of the principal topics of the discussion will be the woman question. For eight years the church has been regularly agitated by the proposition to allow women to serve as lay delegates. There are some who believe that women are entitled to serve by virtue of the laws now in force. But the judgment of the church has been against this view.

A constitutional amendment is now being voted upon which, if adopted by a three-fourths vote of the clergy in annual conferences and by two-thirds of the General Conference, will settle the matter fully and finally. The last conference are voting this week.

There are four women who have been elected, although technically they have no vote as yet. The conference will, however, validate the previous election if the woman question carries.

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS.**

News from Across the Water—Washington Convention and Home Notes.

From Saturday's Daily.

Scotland now has a correspondence committee. Young people intending to visit that country will find a real Christian Endeavor welcome awaiting them by communicating with Rev. John Pollock, 9 Oxford Drive, Glasgow, chairman of the committee.

All who attended the Boston convention will readily remember the enthusiasm representative of Scotland in the person of Rev. Pollock. He is pastor of the Shanmook street United Presbyterian church and has six Christian Endeavor societies in his church. There are two junior societies, one Young People's society, two senior societies and one Mother's society, all of these are combined into a Guild of Christian Endeavor, holding executive committee meetings monthly, where all the business of the societies is transacted. The six societies work in closest fellowship since the pastor is honorary president of each. The societies meet four times a year in a Guild convocation service. With genuine Scotch thoroughness Mr. Pollock has adapted Christian Endeavor to the needs of his church in this wise fashion and has made of it an active and useful servant.

In East Bengal, India, a Christian Endeavor union has been found, with 35 societies and 836 members, nearly all Baptist native Christians.

Siberia, Africa, the Christian Endeavor societies of Siberia held their first convention at Thulenburg mission, January 15. The union comprises nine societies and there are one or two others that have not been reported to the union officers. It speaks well for the spirit of these workers, themselves on a mission field, that one of the union committees, is a missionary committee. One of the speakers of the convention Bishop William Taylor, who discussed Christian Endeavor as an Evangelizing Agency. The president of this union, Rev. G. P. Goll was elected a delegate to the Washington convention. He is now on his way to America.

It is predicted there will be sixty thousand Christian Endeavorers at the Washington convention in July.

The Presbyterian society will hold its regular monthly business meeting Sunday night, preceding the devotional service.

The new county officers will meet their executive committee for the first time Sunday afternoon, April 26, at 8:30 in the Congregational church. All the presidents in the county are urged to be present and help plan the county work for the coming year.

The Congregational society of this city will soon organize an intermediate society of Christian Endeavor.

The Presbyterian society has been planning for a missionary letter day which will be carried out next Wednesday night, April 22, at the regular prayer service. Rev. Penhalligon will have charge of the service and letters from return missionaries will be read by the Christian Endeavorers. Many delightful and interesting letters have been received and interest is being kept up to a most helpful service. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

There has been a new society of Christian Endeavor organized at Bolling Springs church which starts out with quite a large membership.

The Sharon society west of Decatur, had two delegates at the district convention who reported to their society some of the many helpful things they received there. They have since organized two new committees and put every member on some committee, thus giving each member something to do.

The Intermediate society of the First M. E. church have arranged to have the celebrated Cunningham quartet together with Wm. A. McCormick, "The Riverside Whistler," and W. Eugene Page, who is concealed by all to be the greatest mandolinist before the American public, to appear in their church on Tuesday night, April 28. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

On Tuesday evening, April 28, the Baptist C. E. will hold a missionary rally.

The phonographic entertainment given by the C. P. Endeavorers was quite a success. A large attendance and all pleased with the entertainment.

The Presbyterian society is arranging to give a grand missionary library social in which about 100 persons will take part. It will be given on the night of May 5 and will be the most delightful social feature they have ever given. Everyone is invited.

**PICNIC RATES BARRED.**

Reduced Rates No Longer to Be Granted to Parties of Ten or More.

The recent Brown decision on certain clauses of the interstate commerce law will create disturbance among picknickers, base ball clubs, theatrical troupes and all classes of people who have heretofore traveled on the 3-cent per mile rate granted to parties of ten or more. This rate was quoted to all such parties traveling on one ticket. The tickets were originally placed on sale for the benefit of the theatrical people, but the interstate commerce commission decreed that they must be sold to any party of ten or more. Some time ago it was discovered that one or two of the roads running west from Chicago were selling the tickets to scoundrels by the wholesale. Complete demoralization in passenger fares, especially between Chicago and St. Paul followed. This demoralization became so bad that the roads west of the city withdrew the tickets and abolished the rate in the entire territory west of Chicago.

But to this agreement was tied a secret verbal understanding that theatrical companies would be taken care of and ticketed at the old rate. Little publicity was given to this side agreement because it was a discrimination and a violation of the interstate laws.

The Brown decision and the presence of the commission in Chicago brought the Western Passenger association to a consideration of this subject, and yesterday, after a three days' session, the party rate was abolished in all the territory east of the Mississippi, except where there is the competition of the Central association, and here the tickets are good only for regularly organized parties. Bloomington being in the exempted territory her ball teams will not have to pay more than the 3-cent rate, but small picnic parties will not enjoy the former advantage. It is generally conceded the rate will be restored after the scare is over.

**EXCHANGE COLLINGS.**

Bits of News From Neighboring Towns and Counties—Court to Convene at Sullivan.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. Daniel Brown, aged 72, and Mrs. Cynthia Reams, aged 88, died this week at Sullivan.

The Atterberry Lynching Case.

Sullivan News: The regular April term of the Moultrie county circuit court will convene next Monday with Judge Vail on the bench. The docket is one of the lightest in many years, there being only fifty-seven common law cases and seventy-five chancery, while at the last term the common law cases numbered over one hundred. Considerable interest is being manifested in what Judge Vail will have to say to the grand jury regarding the action of the mob that lynched Grant Atterberry. His charges to the Moultrie county grand jury are well remembered and it is presumed that he will not be any less severe and outspoken here.

Girls Disappear.

Tuscola Review: On Friday night of last week two Tuscola young women, Miss Myrtle King, aged 17, and Miss Blanche Perkins, aged 18, ran away from home, since which time they have not been heard from. They are said to have gone to Chicago, but for what purpose is not known. Miss Perkins is the prima donna who was announced to sing at the opera house here a few weeks ago, while the Howard Dramatic company was playing, but on the advice of some well known citizens, who interested themselves in her behalf, the management was prevailed upon not to allow her to appear. Her home is in Anderson, Ind., where her father is a prominent lawyer.

Tuscola is to expend \$30,000 for paving this year. About 2,000,000 brick and 300 car loads of sand will be required.

Misadventure Meeting.

Corro Gordo News: Mrs. C. G. Wood, president of the Decatur district Woman's Foreign Missionary society, was in Corro Gordo, last week planning for the district convention, which will be held at the M. E. church here, May 7 and 8. Twenty-one auxiliaries will be represented. The opening session at 2:30 p. m., Thursday, and in the evening Miss Mary A. Danforth will give an address. Miss Danforth has spent six years in Japan, having been in the great earthquake of 1891.

The Women's Republican club, of Peoria, adopted among other things, the following: To more thoroughly educate ourselves in the laws of our country in a political sense, feeling that by gaining a better knowledge of the laws, we will be enabled to do more efficient work, and not prove ourselves stumbling blocks to those who are trying to assist.

The Mattoon High school will hold its annual Field Day at the Mattoon fair grounds, at 2:30 p. m., May 1st. The following events will be contested: 50, 100 and 220 yards dash, 440 yards half mile and one mile run, one mile walk, one-fourth and one mile bicycle races, standing broad jump, running broad jump, high kick, pole vault, hop-step-and-jump, hammer throw, and shot put.

To Straighten the Illinois River.

A meeting of prominent capitalists was held at Pekin on the 14th to decide one of the most gigantic enterprises ever set on foot in Central Illinois, necessitating the expenditure of several million dollars, diverting the Illinois river from its present course for a distance of ten miles between Peoria and Pekin. At present the river describes a mammoth horseshoe curve, with Peoria and Pekin at the head points. The river wanders at random through the low level land and in time of high water thousands of acres are overflowed that would otherwise be tillable and highly productive. The scheme, in brief, is to dig a large canal on a line between the two cities, thus securing the following results: Reclaim many thousand acres of land, avoid a shallow stretch in the river that prevents river traffic in low water and secure a permanent and navigable water way on which to establish a number of large factories and build a continuous city between Peoria and Pekin. The line of the proposed canal is flanked by many coal mines and the entire country contiguous is underlaid with veins of soft coal. At the head of the scheme is H. P. Westerman, formerly a distiller and now a retired capitalist. At the conference it was finally decided to solicit governmental aid in straightening the channel of the river.

**RUNAWAY GIRLS CAUGHT.**

Fired of the Restraints of Home at Assumption Two Young Women Come to Decatur for Work.

From Friday's Daily.

This forenoon Marshal Anshel received a telegram from Assumption to arrest and hold in custody two young girls who had run away from their home in that town last night by getting on board the midnight train on the Central road with a few of their personal effects, coming to Decatur to be presumed in search of employment as house servants. All of the officers were notified of the episode and they were told to be in the lookout for the girls.

During the forenoon Officer Andy Lord heard of the girls and he found them at the home of Mr. Judd on East North street where one of the girls had secured employment, and also a temporary abiding place for her companion. The girls gave their names as Josephine Durant and Annie Wright, neither more than 17 years of age. Later the girls were brought to police headquarters where they told a story about being tired of staying at home. Josephine said she had told her mother that she wouldn't stay in Assumption any longer if she wasn't treated better. She said her father was a coal miner, but he was not doing anything now. Annie had been going to school, and she had thought she would come to Decatur with her friend. Her father, she said, was too old to work, but she had three brothers who were at home. Annie's eyes were wet with tears. She evidently felt that she had been to some extent humiliated by being held under restraint by the officers. After a good deal of parleying it was finally decided to send the girls back home on the first train, and both went to the depot with Officer Lord.

Both of the girls were very plainly dressed. There was little evidence of prosperity about them. Josephine was not particularly worried over her experience, and said that she would run away again if they didn't treat her right at home.

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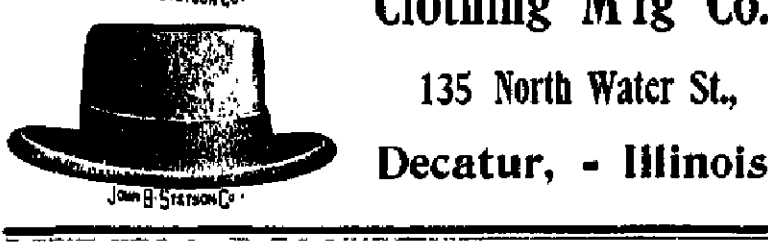


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Another matter to be considered is the problem of establishing Episcopal residences in Europe, Japan, China, and possibly South America. India is under the jurisdiction of Dr. Stetwin, one of the two missionary bishops. Bishop Taylor is stationed in Africa. The other missions are growing rapidly and feel the need of a bishop on their soil or who can be at hand permanently.

At present and for years it has been the custom for one of the American bishops to visit the missions of Japan and China and for others to visit Europe.

The missionary conferences have recently indicated a desire to have a more effective system of supervision.

No one can accurately forecast the action at Cleveland, but it looks as though one bishop will be assigned an Episcopal residence in Europe and one in the Orient, at least.

The election of a new bishop will also be considered. There are sixteen now, besides the two missionary bishops. The committee on Episcopacy will probably have some recommendation to make.

The General conference will probably determine on two, three, or at the outside, four more bishops.

It is inevitable that the time limit will be discussed. A large per cent of pastors and people prefer that the limit be removed.

It is probable that the conference will devise a compromise by which in certain emergencies the pastors' terms may be lengthened beyond the five-year rule.

**WILL HOLD A ROAD RACE.**

The Decatur Wheelmen Make Plans for the Summer.

From Friday's Daily.

The members of the Decatur Wheelmen club held an interesting meeting last evening at their club on East West street. The most important business transacted was the voting of the club to give a road race on Decoration Day. To further the arrangements for the event President Klumpp, appointed the following committees:

Hour and Course—George Hart, Frank Vehmeyer and Frank Deetz.

Prizes—J. H. Krebs, Jerry Donahue and Jacob Latham.

On General Arrangements—Archib F. Wilson, J. Frank Farles, E. Chandler, Paul Hickisch, Bert Weaver and J. H. Krebs.

The matter of the interstate circuit most was brought up and discussed at length. The thing that knocked it out for the time is the decision that none but members of the L. A. W. can take part in amateur events in the circuit.

The matter of the interstate circuit will be taken up again at the next meeting. The boys do not intend to throw up the July meet if there is any way round.

The following new members were admitted to club membership: C. M. Horst, J. S. Starr, A. W. Long and M. B. Ostinsky.

**HOT AT CUNNINGHAM.**

Monogram Flying Everywhere After Frank A. Cunningham, the Barre and Telegraph Message Forger.

From Friday's Daily.

There will be no let up in the chase of the Western Union people and the police in the effort to run down W. S. Fox, alias Frank A. Cunningham, the party who tried to swindle the Citizens' National bank out of \$450 by means of a bogus draft and spurious telegrams. There is no limit to the number of telegrams that have been sent to various parts of the country. Marshal Mason got information today that Cunningham had been seen at Lafayette, Ind. He wired to the officers there to arrest the fellow, but he had disappeared when the Hoosier officer went to get him. The officers will, keep track of him, however, and he will be run down shortly. The Western Union has given the use of its wires free to get Cunningham. The company is extremely anxious to get him in the folds of the law so they can make an example of him.

G. A. R. Encampment Programmes.

The thirteenth annual encampment of the Illinois division of the G. A. R., will be held in Cairo May 12, 13 and 14. On the first day, Tuesday, the Sons of Veterans and other societies escorted by infantry, man and a battery of the I. N. G., will make a trip across the great Central bridge which spans the Ohio. In the evening there will be a campfire in honor of National Commander Walker and Department Commander Powell. Wednesday will be devoted to conventions of the W. R. C. and S. of V., and the evening to regimental reunions. The encampment will conclude with excursions to Grant's first battlefield, Belmont and Columbus.

The May Wedding Reception.

The marriage of J. W. May, of Dalton City, and Miss Grace Morse, of Decatur, was celebrated in this city on the evening of April 15. A grand reception was held at the home of the groom near Dalton City on Thursday. A splendid dinner was served, and the happy couple received many useful and ornamental gifts. Those in attendance from Decatur were Fred Turpin, Hayward Howland, Gertrude Chaplin, Maude Morse, Mrs. Garzel and Mrs. Morse. In the evening a party was given in honor of the couple by James Marks and Perry Brown. It was a merry affair.

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**THE J. D. TAIT ESTATE.**

Valuable Property Left to the Widow and Two Sons.

In the county court Thursday afternoon was filed the last will of the late James D. Tait.

The estate comprises 250 acres of farmland, lot 8 block 3 Durfee & King's addition, personal property valued at \$600 and rents due to the amount of about \$700. The will was executed February 1, 1892, and attested by D. L. Dunn and Edwin Park. The sons, Joseph S. and Felix Tait, are named as executors without bond.

To the widow, Catherine Tait, is bequeathed all the household goods and furniture, the horse and buggy and \$1,000 in money. She is given a life interest in the two-story brick house on North Main street, which at her death goes to the sons, Joseph and Felix.

To the son, Joseph, is bequeathed 90 acres in section 35, 17, 2 east, and 40 acres in section 2, 16, 2 east, and to the son, Felix, 80 acres in section 35, 17, 2 east, and 40 acres in section 2, 16, 2 east. Each son also takes half the personal property.

The will states that it is the intention to make equal bequests to the sons and that as the value of the land left to Joseph exceeds that of the land left to Felix by \$1,985, and as the son Felix has advanced to Felix sums of money amounting to \$1,400, leaving a balance of \$1,285, said Joseph shall take his share subject to a lien in favor of Felix for \$642 50, which shall be paid within one year of the probate of the will.

**MILLER WAS BOUND OVER.**

He Was Tried for Threatening to Kill and Has to Go Back to Jail—Other News of the Police Court.

From Thursday's Daily.

The case of W. D. Miller, the Warrensburg man, came up in Justice Olor's court Thursday. He was tried on a warrant sworn out by R. F. Smithers charging him with assault and threatening to kill. Miller was tried yesterday and was acquitted but another warrant was sworn out and he was arrested again. It charged that when he was arrested he threatened to use his knife on Smithers. Gray & Gray were the lawyers for the defense, and Attorneys I. R. Mills, Fitzgerald and Drew prosecuted the case. The justice fined him \$5 and costs for assault and bound him over in the sum of \$100 for the other charge of threatening to kill. Miller went back to jail.

John Miller and Dan Fisher were tried in Justice Polders' court this morning for disorderly conduct. They were drunk last night and were driving around town making a disturbance. They were fined \$3 and costs each.

The case of L. E. Jackson vs. Peck for assault came up in Justice Shorb's court this morning but was continued until Saturday at 1 p. m.

A Big Fire of Corn.

At Elkhart there is stored in cribs 100,000 bushels of corn, the property of two local firms. They also have about 20,000 bushels of oats in bins, all of last year's crop. The Pantagraph says the five Gillotte heirs own some 18,000 acres of land in the immediate vicinity of Elkhart, which is rented to tenants. The owners pay the tenants 10c, 12 1/2 and 15c per bushel, for all the corn raised. The difference in the price is due to furnishing tenants with seed, teams, etc. When everything is furnished by the owners, the smallest price is paid. When part is furnished the middle amount is paid and so on. But little of the corn raised on the Gillotte land is now fed, but is mostly shipped to Chicago and the east.

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The result of the Spanish elections in Cuba show that Spain is in control of a very small part of the island.

Senator Sherman has given it out that the Republicans will not be allowed to compel an early adjournment.

Spain does not seem to take kindly to the appointment of Fitz Hugh Lee as consul general at Havana which is pretty good evidence that appointment was wise.

The chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic convention when he said that the Wilson bill had brought prosperity to the country evidently had reference to England.

The country has settled down to the fact that ex-Governor Oglesby and ex-Governor Miller should be sent to the National convention as delegates for the state at large.

Over two-thirds of all the money collected by railroads goes to pay for some kind of national labor. This fact ought to be worth a good deal to those who are in the habit of thinking that the earnings of railroads goes into the pockets of the company.

Something of the Democratic recklessness of the coming campaign may be anticipated by the declaration of the presiding officer of the Massachusetts Democratic convention who declared in his speech that the Wilson bill had brought prosperity to the country.

Senator Tillman calls Cleveland a tin god. This is not altogether the proper thing, considering the fact that Cleveland has been opposed to the manufacture of tin plate in this country and of course could not be a tin god. He might be a mud god but a tin god he is not.

The pension bill reported to the house provides that no pension shall be discontinued or reduced except for fraud, clerical error, mistake in fact, or recovery from disability. Such enactment legislation has been made necessary by the unfriendly and unjust administration of the pension department under Cleveland, Hoke Smith and Lockman.

It is reported from Washington that J. Otis Humphrey has been in that city in consultation with Senator Culbuck. He probably stopped at Canton, Ohio, the home of McKinley, also, as Otis is instructed for McKinley and promised in the convention which instructed him that he would certainly support McKinley so he would not go by Canton without stopping.

It is stated that General Gomez has declared that no settlement of the difference between Spain and Cuba can be made that does not involve the independence of Cuba. This probably settles the question as the hope of peace on a home rule basis. As a matter of fact Cuba closed the last war upon promises on the part of Spain that were never carried out and for that reason the Cubans are justified in refusing to accept any sort of compromise which on Spain's side of the balance contains Spain's promises.

When a county convention endorsed McKinley it meant that county choice was McKinley, and it meant that the delegates of that county would be expected to carry out the wishes of the Republican caucus of that county in the state convention, and not the wishes of a lot of political mountebanks and schemers who have no other interest in the party than to dictate its nominations and its patronage. When the county people endorse or instruct for a candidate they mean they are for him.

The Inter Ocean in its figures to show that the counties "instructed" for McKinley would vote for instructions in the state convention but those that "endorsed" McKinley would not do so. But DeWitt county down as "instructing" McKinley. The attention of Hon. R. A. Lamon, who heads that delegation to the state convention was called to that statement and he said: "I think I know the situation in DeWitt county and the delegation will vote solidly in the state convention for McKinley. They are for him and they understand they are instructed for him."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat Representative Grosvenor's despatch doubtless makes his estimate a little extravagant in some particulars, but it is very easy to see that McKinley is reasonably sure to receive the votes of at least half of the delegates already chosen. From almost the beginning he has had as many delegates as all the other aspirants put together. In the states yet to choose representatives first, Louis the Ohio man is tolerably sure to get votes enough to enable him to maintain his lead. The probabilities at this time point to McKinley's nomination on the first or second ballot.

The Chicago Inter Ocean goes to some pains and stretches its imagination to a superlative degree to show that the delegates to the state convention are not instructed for McKinley, and that what the county conventions did was simply to give the Ohio man a certificate of character. Perhaps the Inter Ocean has the Morriemere impression that the people are a set of asses who have no right to express a preference, and have it repeated, and that unless that expression of preference is not secure against being criticized as to the form by a lawyer it doesn't count.

There is now and has for 100 years been only one standard of value in this country, namely, the gold dollar. Silver and paper and gold may have been at a parity much of the time but nevertheless the standard was always gold. When there was a departure from a parity, even under free coinage of both silver and gold, as in the case of paper money, during the war, and subsequent to it, all

uses of money were measured by gold and never by silver or paper. Every body who wants to, understands this, and while it may be necessary to declare in a party platform in favor of a gold standard, the facts are not changed a particle. There can be but one standard of value and it must be either gold or silver.

One of the features of the present campaign for the presidential nomination is the fact that many of the state platforms are being prepared in Washington. The declaration for sound money which the Massachusetts Republicans adopted was drafted and revised carefully in Washington before it was taken to Boston. The Maine Republicans' pronouncement for the gold standard and no free coinage of silver save by international agreement was prepared there. And now the Pennsylvania platform is receding its flashing touches. It is said the Pennsylvania Republicans will be right in line with Maine and Massachusetts. They will declare unequivocally "Against the free silver heresy in the absence of rational agreement." This is the more remarkable from the fact that Cameron, one of the Pennsylvania senators, is for free silver. One notable plank in the Pennsylvania platform will endorse Senator Quay's scheme of international improvements of rivers, harbors and waterways, especially a consuetive canal from Boston to the Gulf of Mexico, the enlargement of the Erie canal from Buffalo to Troy, and other great projects.

The "organization" has discovered that the language or form of McKinley resolutions adopted in many of the counties does not instruct the delegates to vote for McKinley instructions in the state convention and therefore the delegates are not instructed. This simply shows the extent to which these people are willing to go to defeat the will of the Republican voters. The county that endorses McKinley in any form of resolution is for McKinley and expects its delegates to carry out the preference of its voters. What sense would there be in favoring McKinley's candidacy if they were not willing to do any thing about it to put their choice into effect? Who is to think if the people themselves do not do it? Are they simply content to express a choice and then leave it to the honor of the Billy Lorrimer and expect them to respect their wishes? The Republican voters have a little common sense left. They know the Lorrimer have no respect for the wishes of the voters. They know that if every voter in the country were for McKinley Billy would nominate some one else if he had the power. He is not restrained or governed by the wishes of the people who in his estimate are simply tools. This discovery that some delegates are not instructed is the most subtlest of intentions to open the way for some delegates to betray the trust reposed in them by those who elected them, for the benefit of Billy Lorrimer and the "organization" who are trying to defeat the will of the voters.

**The Democratic Convention.**  
The Democratic state central committee has decided to hold the state convention in Peoria June 28. If it decided anything else it is that the Democracy of Illinois will commit itself to free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and to Governor John P. Altgeld for a second term.  
If any one two years ago had predicted that the Democratic party would renominate Altgeld he would have been laughed at as visionary. Two years ago there were few Democrats who were willing to admit that under any circumstances they would vote for him again if he were a candidate and yet at the present time, with no change in the character of the man, no change in condition and no reason why any one should vote for him now who could not conscientiously vote for him had he been a candidate two years ago, you might make a long diligent search before you would find a regular Democrat who is willing to say he would not vote for Altgeld if he were made the nominee.  
This is simply another manifestation of the unreliability of that party as regards men and measures. They will vote no further than that. One year ago the party was committed to free silver by the state central committee and an extraordinary declaration. There was strong opposition in the party to that convention and its free coinage declarations, but we have nothing of that opposition now and it is fair to conclude that there will be little of it and that the sound money Democrats will fall in with the Hinchins and Nelsons and march to the music of the 50-cent dollar, and John P. Altgeld.

**Wages and Prices.**  
Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. "In 1891," says the report of the senate committee "the wages of labor paid in depreciated paper dollars worth 10 cents each, had advanced 25 1/2 per cent, but the prices of the necessities of life had advanced 90 1/2 per cent." Let us put this into concrete form. Never mind the old 1/2 per cent. Let us take the own figures, and see how the things work out.  
A man got for a day's labor before the war—and it was a long day's labor—in the field, \$1 a day. In 1894 his wages had increased to \$1.25. Meantime the butcher he bought had gone up from 20 cents to 35 cents; the milk from 4 cents to 7 1/2; the eggs from 10 cents to 19; the beef from 12 cents to 23 cents, the shoes from \$2 to \$4; the clothes from \$10 to \$15.  
A man who was living on a salary of \$1,000 had his salary increased to \$1,250, and instead of saving anything by the increase he found that his expenses had gone up from \$1,000 to \$1,900. He was worse off than he was before.  
In 1890 the price of table board ranged in New Haven from \$2.75 to \$3.80 per week. A difference of 75 cents a week marked the difference between poor and rich students. The "swells" only paid \$3.50, and yet most of the students paid \$3.25. The sum of 25 cents a week separated students moderately well off from those who were rich. In 1894, prices had gone up till they ranged from \$4 a week to \$7 and \$8. A father was lucky who paid less than \$600 a year for the expenses of his boy, which in 1890 had not been

more than \$300. Men in business, men of capital could stand this increase; but how about the salaried man, the clergyman, the high class clerk, the small official who was keeping a boy in college—and there were many such? Their salaries, their wages had not been increased in anything like the ratio that prices had gone up. Nor did the mechanic and the shoemaker advance as fast for him to bear. His wages had gone up from \$3 to \$4, but his son's expenses had more than doubled. Well many wage earners, whether they have daily wages or salaries, dread the coming of a time when they are paid in a depreciated currency—far wages never advance as do prices, never as fast, and never as high.

**The Combine's Hopes Blasted.**  
The desperate efforts of those who start out with the self-assurance that no matter what the wish of the people might be they could name the nominee for president in the next Republican convention, to bolster up their rapidly sinking cause is not only amusing but very ridiculous as well. The foolishness of their desperation is well told in the following from Walter Wolfman's Washington gossip in the Chicago Times-Herald.  
"It is all well enough for Platt, Clark and Quay to say McKinley can't be nominated," remarked a senator who is more or less in sympathy with their campaign, and who is certainly not a McKinleyite, "but I have not been able to see how they are going to beat him. I have carefully looked over the field to see how the thing can be done, and this is what I find. Take from McKinley everything that is doubtful, every vote that is contested, allow that the opposition will carry every point it has set out to carry; calculate that McKinley will get no votes from Florida or Delaware, or Maryland, or New Jersey, or Mississippi, or West Virginia, and that he will get only ten from Georgia, only sixteen from Illinois, only twelve from Indiana, only twelve from Minnesota, only two from New York, only ten from North Carolina, only four from Pennsylvania, only four from South Carolina, and only sixteen from Tennessee, and he will still have left 355 safe votes. You will understand that in every one of the states which I have named there is a probability amounting almost to a certainty that McKinley will get many more than the foregoing allowance, but I have conceded to the opposition everything it dares hope for, and given McKinley only the net result. It places him within 100 votes of the nomination, and 100 votes is conceded by everyone to be the danger line. Every practical politician knows that when a candidate gets that near to success it is always easy to push him up, unless there is a bit of opposition which necessarily limits his strength to that with which he starts out. But no such condition appears in this case. With 355 votes absolutely assured, beyond the reach of maneuver, trick, insincerity or accident, McKinley has to draw from a column of 250 votes all having a tendency in his direction. As a matter of fact he is more likely to have 455 than 355 on the first ballot, and he will be nominated either on that ballot or the next. Nothing but a miracle can beat him."

**REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.**  
The Republicans of the several townships or districts in Mason county are requested to select delegates to attend the county convention to be held at the court house in DeWitt, Illinois, on TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF MAY, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices to be voted for at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 3rd, 1896:  
One State Attorney.  
One Clerk of the Circuit Court.  
One County Surveyor.  
One Coroner.  
The representation in said convention will be based upon the Republican vote cast for presidential electors in 1892, being one delegate for every fifty, or fraction of twenty-five votes or over.  
Each district or township will be entitled to the following delegates:  
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A primary election will be held in each township and voting district at the places designated by the chairman of said township or district. All male and female taxpayers will hold their primaries on Friday, May 16, 1896, from 8 o'clock to 3 o'clock p. m. All other townships will hold their primaries on Saturday, May 17, 1896, from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock p. m. Each township or voting district will vote by ballot for the candidates for the several offices; the candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast in each township or district shall receive the votes of the electors from said township or district in the convention. The township central committee for each district shall have charge of the primary election in his district.  
When the polls have been declared closed, in each township or district the voters being assembled for that purpose at the polling place will elect delegates to represent the township and districts, as the case may be, in the county convention.  
Primary tickets shall be supplied by the County Central Committee, and shall contain the names of all candidates who notify the chairman of the committee of their desire to have their names placed on the ticket.  
All Republicans are requested to attend the primaries, that the result of the vote may be the correct expression of the party preferences.  
By order of the County Central Committee.  
R. P. LITTLE, Chairman.  
HARRY K. MIDDLEFF, Secretary.

**Program for Teachers' Meeting, April 23.**  
Program for the teachers' meeting, April 23, 1896:  
"The Ninth Year's Work," H. H. Slater.  
"School Government," D. J. Williams.  
"Writing," M. G. Lathlean.  
"Grammar," G. E. Fessler.  
"The Monroe Doctrine," M. C. Gorlin.  
**Accidents.**  
An analysis of 2,000 accident policies on which benefits were paid shows 631 persons injured by falls on pavements, 245 by carriages or wagons, 75 by horse kicks or bites and 47 by horseback riding, 117 were out with edge tools or glass, 26 were hurt in bicycling accidents, while 79 were hurt by falling down stairs.

## NO SHOUT FOR REED.

Connecticut Republicans in State Convention Express No Preference.

WILL GIVE THE STATE TO NOMINEE.

Declare in Favor of Gold Standard—Oppose Free Silver—Endorse the Monroe Doctrine and Favor Coast Defences.

New Haven, Conn., April 22.—The Republican state convention met here today. The platform declares in favor of protection and reciprocity. On the currency it says: "We are unanimously opposed to the issue of unsecured paper currency either by the government or the banks; the free coinage of silver at the present ratio and favor the single standard of value and that standard gold. The platform declares adherence to the Monroe doctrine, favors increases in coast defenses and a larger navy. The electoral role of the state is pledged to whoever may be nominated at the Republican national convention for the presidency."

The following were chosen delegates at-large: Ex-Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley, Hon. John I. Hutchinson, Hon. Samuel Fessenden and Arthur H. Brower.

After ratifying the nominations for district delegates, made by the district caucuses last night, the convention adjourned. The delegates are instructed:

**MARYLAND REPUBLICANS.**  
In State Convention To-Day Applaud Reed and McKinley—Resolutions Instructing for McKinley.

Baltimore, April 22.—The United States senator elect, Wellington, as chairman of the Republican state central committee, called the state convention to order, and said he believed the Republicans of Maryland would declare for protection, which is "part of the warp and woof of the character of Wm. McKinley, the great statesman from Ohio," this brought out a round of applause, which was followed by another when the name of Reed was mentioned in connection with the expression of a hope that the convention would declare for sound money.

Hon. A. Baruch was made temporary chairman. Allusions in his speech to Reed and McKinley were loudly applauded. A resolution was introduced instructing the delegates for McKinley which were received with applause, and were referred after the committee were appointed a recess was taken.

On reassembling the platform was reported. It declares for a protective tariff and reciprocity. The currency plank reads: "We believe in the gold standard upon which to base our circulating medium and are opposed to the unlimited coinage of silver until an international agreement of important commercial countries of the world shall give silver a larger use. The delegates to the national convention are instructed."

**ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS.**

Henry County endorses McKinley. Cambridge, Ill., April 22.—The Henry county Republican convention, held here yesterday, was called to order by A. Tibbels, chairman of the county committee, and Hon. John H. Hand was nominated for chairman and H. S. Comstock secretary. E. C. Graves was placed in nomination for state's attorney, and was chosen by acclamation. Other nominations were as follows: P. B. Keller, for circuit, T. H. McArthur for coroner, John McCullough, for surveyor. E. W. Houghton was honored for member of the general assembly. Resolutions were passed favoring McKinley for president. The delegates are instructed to use all honorable means to renominate Hon. T. P. Pierce for member of the state board of equalization.

**Illinois Delegates for McKinley.**  
Peoria, April 22.—The fourteenth congressional district Republican convention met this morning. J. V. Graft was nominated for congress without opposition. The delegates selected to the national convention at St. Louis were instructed for McKinley.

**Scott Jackson's Trial Progressing.**  
Newport, Ky., April 22.—The trial of Scott Jackson for the murder of Pearl Bryan continued today. Pearl Bryan's bloody clothing were identified. The appearance of the body when found, the result of the post mortem examination in which nothing beyond what has already been published was testified to by the various witnesses. The defense did not cross examine the witnesses. It is thought by this indication the defense will be insubstantial.

The western portion of DeWitt county reports crops growing nicely and an elegant stand.

## HOW AN ADVERTISEMENT SAVED A WOMAN'S LIFE.

(SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READER.)

"For four years I suffered with female troubles. I was so bad that I was compelled to have assistance from the bed to the chair. I tried all the doctors and the medicines that I thought would help me. One day, while looking over the paper, I saw the advertisement of your Vegetable Compound. I thought I would try it. I did so, and found relief. I was in bed when I first began to take the Compound. After taking four bottles, I was able to be up and walk around, and now I am doing my household work. Many thanks to Mrs. Pinkham for her wonderful Compound. It saved my life."—MRS. HATTIE MADAMS, 184 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.  
More evidence in favor of that never-failing female remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

# LINN & SCRUGGS

## DRY GOODS & CARPET COMPANY.

In their Temporary Store, corner William, Franklin and Park Streets. Entrance on Park and William Streets.

## Special Inducements

—IN OUR—

## SILK AND DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENTS.

All Our Own Exclusive Designs Now on Sale and at Prices Never Before Heard Of.

During our Dress Goods and Silk Sale we will make an Accordion Plaited Skirt complete for \$3.00, customer to furnish silk or dress goods only; we will furnish the trimmings. This is a grand opportunity to get an accordion plaited skirt at the right price. We have accordion plait trimmings of all widths in connection with our skirt plaiting. You can call and see samples of our work.

## SILKS.

Black Figured Silk Grenadine, worth \$1.00, at 50c a yard.  
Black Satin Pekin Stripe, worth \$1.00, at 59c a yard.  
Black Satin Duchess, all silk, 75c a yard.  
Fancy Striped Silks, 33c a yard.

## Dress Goods.

Black and Colored Figured Brillantine, worth 25 cents, reduced to 15 cents a yard.  
Black and Colored Henrietta and Serges, worth 50 cents, reduced to 33 cents.  
40-inch Black Figured Tamise, very light weight and pretty designs, worth \$1, for 50c yard.  
Mohairs, Brillantines and Sicilians—immense assortment and popular prices.  
Big reductions in Black and Navy Blue Serges, imported novelties, all this season's styles, worth 40 and 50 cents a yard, reduced to 25 cents a yard.  
High grade Imported Novelties, best goods, reduced to 40 cents a yard.  
Paris and Perlin Robes and Pattern Dresses, reduced one-half.  
Wool Challies, 12 1/2, 15, 25, 29 and 39 cents a yard.  
JUST RECEIVED—Children's Kilt Suits, 2 to 6 years; Children's Wash Dresses; Misses' Wash Dresses; Ladies' Wash Dresses; New shipment of Ladies' Silk and Wash Waists.  
SPECIAL SALE OF LADIES' CAPES AND JACKETS.

# IF YOU COME QUICK YOU CAN BUY

## The Best Tongueless Cultivator for \$10.

## The Corn King Tongue Cultivator for \$12.50.

# ONLY A FEW LEFT!

We have anything in the Implement line you want. COME AND SEE US.

# F. B. TAIT & CO.,

328 East Cerro Gordo St., Decatur, Ills.

**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.**  
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By Kew & Mear.

C. E. Freeman, of Farmer City, has been created an elder in the Christian church of that city.

The store of F. J. Roth, at Elkhart, has been closed out by the sheriff.

Don't invite disappointment by experimenting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure, and you have immediate relief. It cures croup. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. West's Drug Store.

The Oracle is the name of a Saturday society paper started at Springfield.

It not only is so, it must be so. One Minute Cough Cure acts quickly, and that's what makes it go. West's Drug Store.

At East Ferris some dead muzzled the bicycle of Rev. Nelson J. Brown, of the Methodist church, with axle grease.

Scouring, healing, cleansing, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the enemy to sores, wounds and ulcers, which it never fails to cure. Stops itching and burning. Cures chapped lips and cold sores in two or three hours. West's Drug Store.

The bicycles are creating great havoc in the churches, according to a public statement made by Rev. S. W. Meek, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church of Peoria. The question of the church getting the young men off the bicycles, and getting them, Mr. Meek says, is a problem the evangelistic workers have to meet.

An iron bar was placed across the Washburn track near Mt. Olive Sunday night, and was struck by a passenger train. The only damage done was the breaking of the air brake. The officials are of the opinion that the car was forgotten by the section men who had been working there.

Charles Spellman, of Spring Bay, one of the best known men along the river, is dead. Mr. Spellman operated the hotel at Spring Bay for many years.

Dr. S. A. Borsine has sold to Dr. A. S. Draper, of Champaign, his corral team of roadsters. The consideration was \$300.

A Good Templars lodge has recently been organized at LaPlaza.

**S. J. Bumstead, M. D.**  
Diseases of Eye and Ear, Nose and Throat.

Twenty-three years experience in these specialties. Straightforward and operates for catarrh, adjusts glasses for all defective eyes. Rooms 6 and 7, Temple Block, 335 North Water street, over Lutz Music Store.

Feb. 1—dawn  
THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made. \$1.00 per dozen. From's sharp and permanent. Guaranteed. Dark days. No more in getting good pictures. East End Gallery, 120 1/2 N. Main St. Decatur, Ill.

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R. HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS**  
at the low rate of for the Round Trip PLUS \$2.00

**WEST**  
An opportunity to visit and investigate the assets of the excellent farm lands for sale in Iowa at reasonable rates, and Lake counties, S. H., or to visit other desirable farming regions West and Southwest. Tickets at the above rates on sale from stations on the Illinois Central in Iowa east of Cedar Falls and in Iowa and Wisconsin, at all points on its lines west of and including Iowa Falls, also to all other points within authorized territory in Northwest and Southwest, on April 17th and 21st, and May 1st, 1906. For information as to the country reached by these excursions, address at Manchester, Iowa, J. F. Merry, A. G. P. A., I. C. R. R.

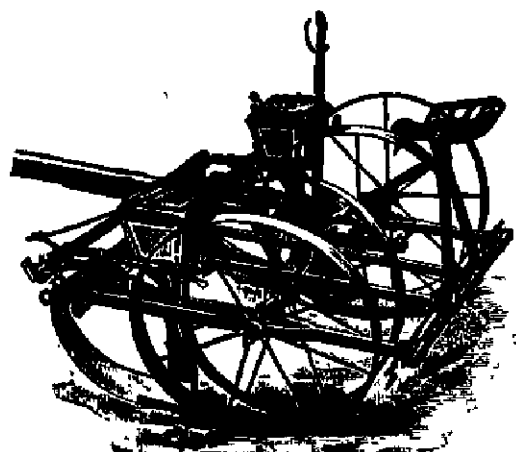
**SOUTH**  
Homeseeke's Excursions in all sections of the South on the line of the Illinois Central and the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad, except Memphis and New Orleans, from stations in Iowa, and to St. Louis City inclusive, on April 17th and 21st, and May 1st, 1906. For information as to the country reached by these excursions, address at Manchester, Iowa, J. F. Merry, A. G. P. A., I. C. R. R.

# COLUMBIA and HARTFORD BICYCLES,

Manufactured by the Pope Manufacturing Co., the highest grade goods in the world, range in price, \$50, \$60, \$80, and \$100. We have a full and complete line of their 1896 Models. Please come in and inspect them. We are selling a great many of these wheels now, and feel very confident that we can interest you if you will look them over.

**Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,**  
Jewelers,

156 East Main St.—113 North Water St.



## THERE IS ONLY ONE CORN PLANTER

That will leave a soft ridge of dirt over the corn;  
That will check straight whether driving fast or slow;  
That you can change from a small team to a large one without affecting the dropping;  
That will not make your horses' neck sore, because there is positively no neck weight;  
That you can let out your wire and reel it up with your team in a trot;  
That you can do other numberless things with too numerous to mention, and that planter is the

### Hayes Steel Frame Planter.

Over 150 farmers in Macon county can testify to the superiority of THE HAYES OVER ALL OTHERS. Come and let us show you where it excels. We are Exclusive Agents in Macon county. Don't let any one try to beat you by offering some imitation. Buy no experiment.

**Leon & Morris,**

138 EAST WOOD STREET, DECATUR, ILL.

There is no finer line of Buggies and Carriages in the city than we are showing. Come and look them over. Prices the bottom.

### ...SPECIAL...

Trimmed Hats,  
Bonnets, and

..Dress Goods...  
Sale.

On WEDNESDAY MORN-  
ING, April 8, we will put on sale  
250 Trimmed Hats and Bonnets,  
all New and Stylish, our own  
make, at One-Fourth Off from  
our regular close prices.  
Also 50 pieces of Assorted  
Dress Goods, marked in plain  
figures on yellow tickets, at Fifty  
Cents on the Dollar.

Come in and see them. Splen-  
did Bargains.

**S. G. HATCH & BRO.,**  
151 EAST MAIN ST.

### THE BOAT MYSTERY.

#### Discovery of a Strange Condition of Things—Where is Peterson?

Last evening through Officer William Marshall Mason learned that a party named Davis had in his possession a boat which he claimed to have bought for \$2 of two strangers at the river last Thursday. Williamson and another officer were sent out at once to sift the matter to the bottom. They found Davis and the boat, and got some information which it is not thought may lead up to solving the mystery connected with the recent disappearance of William Peterson, of Monticello, who it is said left his home some time ago for a cruise in a boat down the Saginaw river.

Yesterday a week ago a farmer came to the city to state that he believed a man had been drowned in the Saginaw river by falling out of his boat. The man had been seen in the boat and later the boat was seen drifting down stream. But little attention was paid to the story, as there are always many wild rumors about when run down it is found frequently grow out of the imagination of the informant. But in this case it now appears that Peterson has been missing at Monticello, and that he went away in a boat. And now a strange boat is in the possession of Mr. Davis who tells a story to the effect that he bought it of two strangers. In the boat at the time was a small tent together with a pair of pantaloons, two comforters, two vests, dishes and cooking utensils. The boat is now under the control of the police, as are also the articles it contained.

There is a good deal of speculation going on about the affair, and some think it strange that the officers at Monticello have not been heard from as to the alleged disappearance of Peterson. There is a story related to the effect that Mr. Davis first said that he found the boat, but last night he told the police he paid the strangers \$2 for the boat and its contents. It was also learned that Davis had arranged to paint the boat to suit his fancy.

It is the purpose of the police to further investigate the boat mystery. They will write to Sheriff Shively at Monticello and make inquiries about Peterson, getting the date when he left that town, and all that they can learn about the man who is believed to have been drowned. No one now thinks seriously that Peterson met with foul play while he was in his boat.

### CALLED AWAY.

#### Death of Mrs. Henry McClellan—Funeral Wednesday at Grace Church.

The death of Mrs. Nellie McClellan, widow of the late Henry McClellan, occurred Monday afternoon at the family home, No. 2006 North Church street, due to pleuro-pneumonia, with which she had been afflicted for five weeks. The lady contracted a severe cold one day when she had visited St. Mary's hospital in company with a friend on a mission of mercy, and the cold developed rapidly into pneumonia. On Sunday she seemed to be better and then expressed the belief that she would be able to be up in the course of two weeks, but that night she became worse and during Monday her children who had attended her faithfully became alarmed. Shortly after two o'clock she had a very severe spell of coughing and passed away.

Henry McClellan, the husband, who was the deputy circuit clerk for a long term of years, died on June 23, 1896, near Bethany. Mrs. McClellan was 48 years of age, and leaves two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Margaret Lennhart, of Zanesville, Ohio, Mrs. Sherman Potts, of Decatur, Albert Hudson, and Harry McClellan.

The funeral was held from Grace M. E. church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. G. Hobbs officiated.

### Dates for Corn Planting.

The excellent condition in which the farmers find the soil, coupled with the splendid warm days that have been experienced lately, creates a strong temptation to hasten the business of planting corn, and therefore place an important question. What is the earliest date at which it is safe and profitable to plant corn in this latitude? Last year a nipping frost occurred on May 14 and cut down all the corn that had put its head above the surface in this vicinity. There is usually liability to freezing from the 1st to the 15th of May, so that as a general statement, it may be said that plantings which will put the young corn in danger between May 10 and 14 are not the best. Experiments made at the Illinois University farm, covering eight years ending with 1895, show that the best results are obtained from plantings ranging from May 4 to 18, the tendencies favoring the later dates rather than the earlier. Last year a planting made on May 20 grew rapidly, and matured with a planting made May 6, which is practically equalled in yield. It is probable that May 20 is about the latest date that can be depended upon to make up by rapid development for the loss of time to reach maturity, through plantings as late as May 27, last year gave reasonably satisfactory results. The conclusion reached from the experiments on the farm is stated in these words: "Medium plantings grow faster, attain a greater development and secure a higher yield than extremely early or extremely late plantings."

### A Brakeman's Awful Death.

Samuel C. Munson, of Mattoon, a brakeman on a P., D. & E. gravel train, while working with the train at the gravel pit, two miles north of Green Valley, was instantly killed at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon while backing down the pit to the main track. Both legs were cut off and both arms broken. He fell between the cars and four flats and the hind tracks of the tender passed over him. He was 21 years of age and single. He was the son of Samuel Munson, superintendent of bridges on the P., D. & E. railroad. The young man was well known and had many personal friends. An inquest was held. The mother of the young man was visiting at Peoria and was notified of the terrible accident. The burial was at Peoria today. Relatives of the deceased passed through Decatur Saturday night enroute for Peoria.

### LAW TERM OF COURT.

#### Cases Before Judge Hammer—Orders on the Docket.

Tuesday in the county court before Judge Hammer C. C. Leforge was appointed administrator of the estate of Laura B. Scott and filed bond in the sum of \$150 with J. E. Patterson and Moses Stafford as sureties. Mr. Leforge was also appointed guardian of the minor heirs, Verne A. and Arlie B., and filed bond in the sum of \$2,500, with the same sureties.

In the matter of the extension of East-Centrell street the rule to plead was extended to the first Monday in May.

Joseph C. Bork and Curtis W. Bork filed final report as administrators of the estate of Joseph Bork.

James Carter, D. T. Park and Hue Singleton were appointed commissioners to levy the assessment for the construction of the Oakland sewer.

Judge Hammer adjourned the law term of the county court until next Wednesday. Several cases were considered yesterday and the following orders were made.

Joseph Winter vs. J. F. Waggoner, attachment, dismissed by plaintiff at his costs.

John H. Delbridge vs. John Kichenderfer, assumption, rule to plead extended to third Monday.

A. L. Mond vs. William Turner and William McCracken, assumption, dismissed by plaintiff at his costs.

J. W. Walker, executor, vs. Frank, Benjamin and John Meyer, dismissed by agreement as plaintiff's costs.

Business will be resumed tomorrow.

### Called From Mt. Zion.

From the Daily of Monday.  
Rev. S. L. McAnis, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion, preached his farewell sermon last night to a crowded house. Rev. McAnis goes from Mt. Zion to accept a call from Ridge Farm, Vermillion county.

Every effort was made by the Mt. Zion congregation to retain him, but without avail. He has preached to this congregation for three and a half years, and the church has been largely built up and blessed under his pastorate.

Rev. McAnis seemed to think that he was called to the other field, and that was his duty to go, however, the congregation at Mt. Zion could not see it that way yet they released him at his request and he leaves regretted as the most popular minister that has preached in Mt. Zion for several years. His place will be supplied as soon as possible and the congregation at Mt. Zion will not remain long without a pastor.

### Getting Ready for Picnics.

The P., D. & E. have a gang of men at work down at Mackinaw Falls putting the camp and picnic grounds in good shape for the coming season. Several new buildings are to be erected and the dancing pavilion enlarged. A foot-bridge is to be built across the river west of the railroad bridge for the accommodation of the picnickers. The land south of the river has been leased by the company and they expect to place swings and seats on that side of the river also. The grounds last season were entirely too small to accommodate the visitors. From the present reports over 300 people from this city will be in camp by the latter part of July. The grounds will be in charge of two young men from Mattoon, who are up in the amusement business and are sure to take good care of the campers.

### Nearly 80 Years Old.

The 78th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Elizabeth Wainwright was celebrated at the home of her son, W. Z. Wainwright, on North Main street, last night. A large number of relatives called to pay their respects to the old lady. The company included the children, grand children and great grand children. Many handsome gifts were bestowed. Elizabeth Dudley was born at Queen Ann county, Maryland, April 29, 1818. She came to Terre Haute, Ind., in 1846, and was married. In 1885 she moved to Illinois. Mrs. Wainwright is the mother of five children, two of whom are living. W. Z. and W. F. Wainwright. She has lived in Decatur for the past twelve years with her son, W. Z. Wainwright.

### REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

#### Executive Committee Will Visit Peoria in a Short Time.

Peoria will, in all likelihood, secure the next convention of the Illinois League of Republican clubs, and Peoria Republicans are working hard to that end. Charles Hudson, secretary of the Kickapoo club, has received a letter from C. W. Raymond, president of the league stating that the executive committee would visit the city in a few days for the purpose of investigating the city claims to the location of the convention. This letter was in reply to one sent by the Kickapoo club April 10. During their visit in the city the executive committee will be entertained by the Kickapoo club and other Republicans.

### Death of Mrs. Kalso.

Mrs. Kate Kalso, aged 21 years, died April 20 at 9 p. m. of lung trouble at the family home, 346 East Leadland avenue. She was the wife of George Kalso and leaves one daughter 2 years old, a father, Patrick Maher, two sisters, Mrs. Frank Voels, Peoria, and Emma Maher, Decatur; and two brothers, John and James Maher. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's Catholic church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Gallouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's new Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We don't keep it or house without it." Get a free trial bottle at King & Met's drug store.

### Barnato's Horse Wins.

London, April, 22.—Barnato's horse Worcester won the city and suburban handicap today.

# The News via Chicago.

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A young man from Decatur (Wm. Mallory) went to Chicago on the excursion last Sunday. He took along a wheel which he had bought of Starr's for forty dollars and with it rode about the city. Happening to see a store where the same bicycle that he was riding was advertised, he left his wheel and went into the Chicago store for the purpose of learning how cheap they sold the same wheel. The following dialogue ensued:

"How much will you sell me that bicycle for?"

"The price is \$75.00."

"Oh, I can't pay that, for I have a friend down in Decatur who has exactly the same wheel and he only paid \$40 for it, brand new right out of the shop."

"Then all I have to tell you," said the Chicago dealer, "is that either you or your friend is telling a monstrous falsehood, and the reason is that nobody has ever been able to get such a price as that at wholesale."

The Decatur young man then left the store, satisfied that he had obtained a great bargain.

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## The Whole Story In a Nutshell Is:

That from the standpoint of the Chicago retailer who probably bought only a few wheels as he needed them he was right. He could not buy the wheels "right" in the way that he bought them, and he consequently told the truth. The young man from Decatur was right, for he told the simple truth.

Our great purchases early in the season for SPOT CASH had enabled us to own the wheels so cheap that we could retail one wheel to the young man for \$40 and still make a profit. Everybody was right and nobody had lied. Why don't you take this simple truth home to yourselves, and see that we are selling at prices below competition.

Everybody who is at all familiar with the wheel business knows that our "Ideal" and "Faultless" sell regularly for \$85 and \$100 the world over. The only reason why they are so much cheaper at our place is that we had the business foresight to buy early and in large lots. Don't be hoodwinked. This Chicago story is the PLAIN TRUTH.

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## STARR'S "IDEAL" ONLY \$60.

This is the only HIGH GRADE bicycle in Decatur at the price.

## "FAULTLESS" Bicycles Are Perfect.

They sell for \$85, and are better than most wheels that are sold for \$100.

NOTICE the new bicycles on the streets and you will be surprised to see how many have STARR name plates.

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Pantaloon, all wool, at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and up. Big Stock; All Styles.

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Our All Wool Suits, ages 7 to 14, at \$2.50. Extra strength knee and seat in pants. Big values.

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Read down the list. Can you find anything to interest you? They are SPECIALS

...For Friday and Saturday...

You can buy 11 Pairs Seamless Fast Black Hose for \$1.00

You can buy 2 Pairs Heavy Bicycle Hose for .25

You can buy 5 Ladies' Vests, tape arm and neck, for .50

You can buy 1 Ladies' Union Suit, sleeveless, for .25

You can buy 1 Pair ALL SILK MITT for Ladies for .15

You can buy 4 Pairs Ladies' Imported Double Sole Hose for .95

You can buy 1 Gilt Belt for .17

You can buy Any article in my stock on FRIDAY and SATURDAY and save 10 per cent. Bring this ad with you.

H. C. Anthony

DECATUR, ILL.

JOHN A. DAWSON'S BOND.

It is for \$306,024 as Assignee for Lewis B. Casner, Late Banker.

Last evening in the county court John A. Dawson filed his official bond for \$306,024 as assignee of L. B. Casner of the Farmers' bank. His bondsmen are J. H. Wilcox, J. H. Baker, John Casner, Milton Johnson, Hiram Johnson, Samuel Diller, Levi Towl, M. L. Deck, F. M. Gaddis and A. G. Wobber.

The inventory of the resources and liabilities filed by Mr. Dawson is as follows:

| Resources.                                                    | Liabilities.                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cash..... \$ 4,096 73                                         | Due depositors..... \$ 80,560 77                              |
| Real estate..... 68,303 00                                    | Certificates outstanding..... 85,380 99                       |
| Chattels..... 2,996 00                                        | Due American Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago..... 14,848 50 |
| Notes due bank..... 38,599 88                                 | Due First National Bank of                                    |
| Notes due bank pledged as collateral for loans..... 36,085 18 | Bellville..... 5,000 00                                       |
| Overdrafts due bank..... 8,109 48                             | J. Millikin & Co..... 5,000 00                                |
| Additional notes..... 2,263 00                                | A. Schneider..... 5,000 00                                    |
|                                                               | Phil Robinson..... 4,500 00                                   |
|                                                               | H. Cross..... 500 00                                          |
| Total..... \$163,403 17                                       |                                                               |
|                                                               | Total..... \$101,580 15                                       |
|                                                               | Excess of resources..... \$ 61,823 01                         |

MUST PAY MISS BUNCH.

Court Decision of Interest to Teachers and School Superintendents.

The suit of Miss Mamie Bunch, superintendent of the schools of Douglas county, was decided Thursday at Tuscola, Judge Vail of the circuit court ordering the board of supervisors to pay her the salary they were withholding because she refused to produce vouchers from the teachers she had visited while attending to her duties. They had passed a resolution requiring her to 'do so,' but she ignored it. Judge Vail ruled that the board had no authority to enforce such a resolution, and that superintendents are not compelled to recognize them when passed.

Romantic Wedding.

Mr. Patrick Carroll, a draughtsman in the mechanical department of the Wabash at Decatur, and for a number of years occupying a similar position with the C. & A. in Bloomington, was united in marriage Thursday to Miss Mabel Martin, of Littlefield, Ill., and who is well known in this city. The ceremony was performed at Los Angeles, Cal., where the couple went a few weeks ago. The relatives of the bride and groom, it is stated, were in blissful ignorance of their matrimonial intentions, and a telegram notifying them of the union was a great surprise. The young people planned the marriage very secretly, and their efforts to perpetrate a surprise were successful. The bride is the daughter of Division Superintendent M. M. Martin, of the Wabash, whose headquarters are at Littlefield, and is a very attractive young lady. The couple are on their way home to Decatur upon their arrival.

FOR A NEW CHURCH.

The Cumberland Presbyterians Ask the Architects of the City to Submit Plans for a Church Building.

From Saturday's Daily.

The members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church have taken definite action in regard to the new church which they expect to build. Last evening the committee to which the matter has been turned over held a meeting and decided to ask the architects of the city to submit preliminary plans for a church building. They do not make public the amount of money which they expect to expend but whatever is built will be first class. Dr. Lounsbury is the secretary of the committee and he will give the necessary information to the architects who wish to draw plans for the church.

The building is to be erected at the corner of Eldorado and Monroe streets where the congregation owns a handsome lot. The committee has not yet done anything about raising money. They have quite a nice fund to begin on and the members do not anticipate much difficulty in raising the required amount.

The Wife Wants a Divorce.

Nora A. Penninger has filed suit for a divorce from her husband, William H. Penninger. They were married November 23, 1878, and lived together until April 12, 1896, when Mrs. Penninger left her husband for the reasons set forth in the bill. The petition alleges that Mr. Penninger is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicants, and that when under their influence he is very quarrelsome and abusive, and has on various occasions offered personal violence to his family. There are two children, Jennie Bell, aged 10; and Martin L., aged 8, whose custody the mother prays. The bill alleges that Penninger is a miller at Shollenburger's mill and earns a good salary. The wife also alleges that she is the owner of forty acres of land in Whitmore township and asks that the inchoate rights of dower in said property be divested from Penninger. Alex McIntosh is the attorney for Mrs. Penninger.

An Old Clock.

Wayneville Record.—In the matter of old clocks Uncle Jerry Dunham so far takes the lead, having in his possession in good running order and keeping good time a twenty-four hour clock which he bought March 4, 1844, the year in which James K. Polk was elected president. In those days there was very little money in circulation and in consequence but very few were so situated as to be able to own a clock, but the opportunity was offered and Mr. Dunham traded a cow for the clock above mentioned.

Recovering From His Injuries.

Frank Johnson, the man who was injured by a fall at the Standard Oil Co. office a short time ago, is recovering from his injuries. His head was badly wounded and his body bruised but it is thought that he will recover without any serious results.

JUST 92 DELEGATES.

That Will Be the Total Representation in the Republican County Convention.

Called Meeting of the Committee.

Former Supposed Action Reconsidered and the Exact Apportionment Settled by a Vote of 26 to 2—Convention in May.

From Saturday's Daily.

This forenoon a called meeting of the members of the Republican county central committee was held at the city council room for the purpose of settling a matter as to the apportionment in the coming convention which has been in dispute ever since the committee met and organized and fixed the time for the convention and the representation in that convention.

County Chairman R. P. Lytle called the committee to order, and the call for the special meeting was read by Secretary Midkiff. It was stated that there was some misunderstanding as to exactly what the committee had done on the question of apportionment at its first meeting, and the purpose of the special meeting was to settle the matter.

Dr. Thomas of Friends Creek township, offered a motion to the effect that the vote by which the apportionment was made one delegate for every 25 votes cast for Wainb be reconsidered. L. H. Martin seconded the motion.

Secretary Midkiff stated that such a motion was made at the former meeting of the committee, but it did not receive a second. In the same connection the secretary said somebody suggested that the representation should be one delegate for every 50 cast for Harrison in 1892; but he said neither motion was put to a vote of the committee, and the apportionment according to his minutes of the meeting was not fixed.

Dr. Thomas said it was quite clear to him that Mr. Martin had made the motion on the 25 basis and that the motion received a second and that it was adopted. J. W. Wolfgang called for the reading of the minutes of the first meeting, in order to settle the matter in dispute, whereupon Mr. Midkiff stated that he did not have the minutes with him. Chairman Lytle said that he had decided to entertain the motion to reconsider, conceding that the Martin motion was put and carried at the former meeting of the committee. D. A. Matlik was not ready to vote and he asked for information. The chairman and also Mr. Martin stated that the vote now was not on the main question, but simply to reconsider. Again the chairman stated that he had conceded that the Martin motion had been carried at the former meeting. Mr. Wolfgang wanted to know why a vote to reconsider was necessary if the motion on the statement of the secretary was not voted upon at the first meeting. Mr. Lytle again with some emphasis said that he had conceded that such motion was adopted at that meeting. Harry Moore who was the proxy at the meeting for George Bell made the point of order that the Thomas motion was out of order as the minutes did not show that there was anything to reconsider. The chairman ruled Mr. Moore's point of order out of order, and he would put the Thomas motion to vote. Mr. Thomas again said he was positive that Martin had made the motion and that it had been adopted. W. H. Black didn't think it was necessary to reconsider anything that had not taken place, which remark brought from the chairman another declaration to the effect that he had conceded that the Martin motion had been adopted at the former meeting.

And then without further remarks the roll call on the Thomas motion was ordered. The motion was adopted by a vote of 16 to 2, whereupon Mr. Martin arose to amend his motion to the effect that the apportionment in the county convention be one delegate for every fifty votes cast for Harrison in 1892, and one for every fraction of 25 and over. The amendment was adopted.

There being no further business before the committee the motion to adjourn was adopted.

Total Number of Delegates.

The date fixed for holding the Macon county Republican county convention is Tuesday, May 19. The delegate representation in the convention on the vote of 1892 will be as follows:

| Districts.                   | Delegates. |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Decatur, First District..... | 4          |
| Second District.....         | 4          |
| Third District.....          | 4          |
| Fourth District.....         | 2          |
| Fifth District.....          | 6          |
| Sixth District.....          | 4          |
| Seventh District.....        | 4          |
| Eighth District.....         | 4          |
| Ninth District.....          | 2          |
| Tenth District.....          | 2          |
| Eleventh District.....       | 2          |
| Twelfth District.....        | 2          |
| Thirteenth District.....     | 2          |
| Fourteenth District.....     | 2          |
| Austin.....                  | 2          |
| Blue Mound.....              | 2          |
| Friends Creek.....           | 4          |
| Horseshoe.....               | 1          |
| Hickory Point.....           | 2          |
| Illin.....                   | 2          |
| Long Creek.....              | 2          |
| Marion, First District.....  | 2          |
| Second District.....         | 2          |
| Millam.....                  | 1          |
| St. Zion.....                | 2          |
| Nashville.....               | 2          |
| Onkley.....                  | 2          |
| Pleasant View.....           | 2          |
| South Macon.....             | 2          |
| South Wheatland.....         | 2          |
| Whitmore.....                | 2          |
| Total.....                   | 92         |

The official call for the convention will appear in these columns in a few days. Heretofore Harrison township has had two delegates in the county conventions, but as that township cast but 74 votes in 1892, which is one vote short of the necessary number to give it two delegates, the committee may give it but one delegate this trip.

A new 2,000-pound bell has been placed on the Catholic church at Wagon.

ODD FELLOWS' CELEBRATION.

Committee Appointed to Arrange for the Anniversary Observance.

From Saturday's Daily.

Last night there was held a meeting of the general committee having in charge the arrangements for the Odd Fellows' anniversary celebration. It was decided to have a parade at 7 a. m. on the night of the celebration, Monday, April 27. After that at the hall of Celestial lodge the delegates staff will give its work, and then there will be music and speeches. The opera house orchestra will be present throughout the evening.

Chairman C. M. Lytle of the general committee announced committees for the celebration as follows:

Program.—C. M. Lytle, H. J. Volaw, Miss Nettie Moore.

Music.—W. E. Pease, Mrs. Lowery and Mrs. Drake.

Printing.—Albert Leach, I. N. Martin, Jr., and W. H. Davis.

Decorations.—W. H. Peters, H. C. Oakes, Mrs. S. Dienthor and Miss Taylor.

Property.—W. A. Bright, H. C. Oakes, and W. H. Davis.

Reception.—I. N. Martin, Jr., W. H. Peters, A. Leach, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kitchon. This committee is expected to call to their assistance the entire membership of the general committee.

General Committee.—I. N. Martin, Jr., W. E. Pease, William Bright, W. H. Davis, Al Leach, H. C. Oakes, H. J. Volaw, W. H. Peters, C. M. Lytle, Mrs. Kitchon, Mrs. Lowery, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Dienthor and Miss Moore.

THE BICYCLE LAW.

It is to be Strictly Enforced by the Police—Look Out—Post Yourself or Pay a Fine.

It is given out today that the city ordinance in reference to bicycling in the city of Decatur is to be rigidly enforced by the police department. The ordinance was adopted some months ago after some trials and tribulations in the committee and also in the council. But the ordinance has been seemingly a dead letter. In order that all may be fully informed the authorities have given orders for the publication of the bicycle ordinance in full. Here it is:

Ordinance Regulating the Use of Bicycles.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Ill.:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride or propel any bicycle along or upon any of the public streets or alleys of the city of Decatur, in the night time, without having a signal light burning upon said bicycle, also an alarm bell.

Sec. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride or propel any bicycle along or upon any of the public streets or alleys of said city, at a greater speed than at the rate of ten miles an hour.

Sec. 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons in riding or propelling any bicycle along or upon any of the public streets or alleys of said city, to pass any person, bicycle rider, buggy, carting or other vehicle of conveyance by cutting in or turning out to the right of said person, bicycle rider, buggy, carting or other vehicle or conveyance.

Sec. 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than three dollars nor more than \$10 dollars for each offense.

Enacted this 14th day of October A. D., 1895.

Approved this 15th day of October, A. D., 1895.

Published this 16th day of October in Daily Republican, A. D. 1895.

D. H. Cenklin, Mayor.

Attest, F. L. Hays, City Clerk.

Sales of Real Estate.

John Heckman to Jeremiah Stevens, 4.50 acres in 19, 17, 4 east; \$100.

David Heckman to trustees of Frank Cemetery, tract 55 1/2 x 24 1/2 feet in 30, 17, 1 east; \$6.

Amos J. Nicky to trustees Frank Cemetery, tract of land 178 x 355 feet in 33, 17, 4 east; \$45.50.

John F. Mattes to John E. Grove, lot 8, block 1, Perseneyer's addition; \$100.

Thomas E. Brownfield to Bertha A. Brownfield, lot 4, block 1, Even Thomas' subdivision; \$40.

James Millikin to Mary F. Lytle, lot 21, block 1, Millikin Place; \$500.

Mary A. Brock to S. H. Brock, lots 1 and 3 in the northeast quarter of 11, 16, 1 west, containing 67.13 acres; \$1.

C. E. Yantis to Isaac Yantis, lot 8 in block 2 in J. A. Williams' second addition to Decatur; \$550.

Charles E. Schroll to W. H. Black, lot 19, in block 1; lot 22 in block 1; lot in block 14, all in Salina Place; lot 9 in block 1 in Miel, Harpstrite & Sheldenman's addition; \$1.

C. E. Schroll to J. M. Clokey, lot 8 in block 2, Syndicate addition; lot 11, block 7, East Park boulevard; lot 12 in block 1 in Pleasant View addition; \$1.

J. J. Peddicord to Rudolf H. Pottke, lot 1 in block 1 in Peddicord & Burrows' addition to Decatur; \$500.

C. E. Schroll to J. M. Clokey, lot 10 in block 7, Carver's addition to Decatur; lot 1 in block 3, East Park boulevard; lot 10, block 4, Salina Place; \$1.

Death of Mrs. Dr. Elliott.

Mrs. Elliott, wife of Dr. B. M. Elliott, died at 6:15 p. m., Thursday, April 16, at the family residence, 714 West Eldorado street. She had been sick for three months with lung trouble. Besides her husband she leaves four children, Mrs. J. C. Walker and Mrs. Samuel Trotter, of Peoria, Joe Terrell, of Milwaukee, and C. Elliott of Los Angeles, Cal.

Macon County Stock in Chicago.

In the Chicago Stock Journal of Thursday appeared this item of local interest:

John G. Imboden, of Decatur, Ill., was on the market with four loads of heavy cattle fed by Samuel Weaver, of Fayette, Ill. Twelve Hereford steers coming 8 years old, averaging 1,600, sold for \$4.75; 48 steers, averaging 1,500, at \$4.25. These cattle were on feed four and a half months and a load of yearlings fed by J. G. Imboden, averaging 1,100, \$4.15.

A Word to Physicians.

Do you know that many broad minded physicians are using "Foley's Honey and Tor Cough Syrup in their practice? They have found no remedy that gave as satisfactory results for all throat and lung complaints as this great cough medicine. Nesler Drug & Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.—d-w

HOTEL TALK AGAIN.

A Modern Six-Story Structure of the Italian Renaissance Style to Cost \$150,000.

C. M. ATTERBERRY IS THE LEADER.

He Says It is a Safe Thing—Decatur Money to Go into the Enterprise With Over \$50,000 of Chicago Cash.

Not long since the Republican has been giving its readers a rest on how hotel talk—not because it is not always an interesting topic for gossip, but because some of the preparations for action were not ready to be given to the public. Some time ago it was stated that C. M. Atterberry represented a syndicate of capitalists who would put up a magnificent hotel in Decatur on one of two sites, if sufficient stock were taken by local capitalists. The proposition has been received with such favor by Decatur people that the scheme is now well under way. Mr. Atterberry was in Chicago this week, and was in conference with the gentlemen there who have the money ready to put into the enterprise. They have had the plans drawn for the proposed hotel, subject to such changes as will be advisable.

The architects who drew the plans are Wilson & Marshall, who planned and built some of the finest residences in the city, notably those for Mayor Conklin, Superintendent George C. Kinsman, W. C. Armstrong, O. B. Gorin, and J. A. Morfweather. The hotel building will be six stories high, and will have a corner frontage of 100 feet each way. It will contain when finished about 150 rooms. The general style of the architecture will be colonial. Many new features will be introduced into the office and reception rooms which will be treated in the Italian Renaissance style, producing very beautiful effects. The floors of the offices and the parlors will be of mosaic worked in special designs of the architects.

The working appliances throughout the hotel will be of the most modern description and complete in every respect. The electric service will be of the very best, and the general finish of the rooms will be in a variety of hard woods. The exterior finish of the towering structure will be of Roman brick with white terra cotta trimmings.

The architects and several of the Chicago gentlemen interested will be in Decatur in a few days with a sketch of the plans. The matter of a bonus does not enter into this deal. The proposition is to sell a certain amount of the stock to Decatur people, the Chicago parties to take a large block of the stock. The names of a dozen Decatur gentlemen who will take stock in the hotel are given, and they are men of such means and property interests that it looks as though the hotel will materialize in the near future.

It is not given out just where the hotel will be erected, but the knowing ones say that the Thatcher lot at the corner of Water and North streets is one of the principal sites chosen.

NEW DEAL MADE IN ILLINOIS.

Proposed that Neither McKinley Nor Callum Shall be Indorsed.

Washington, April 17.—Senator Callum's name will not go before the Illinois convention for indorsement as a candidate for the presidency. This is the result of much conferring by the Senator's friends. A program which is in the nature of a compromise has been agreed upon. It contemplates the selection of ex-Governor Oglesby, ex-Governor Fifer, Mr. Patterson, of the Tribune, and Mr. Nixon, of the Inter-Ocean, for the delegates at large. The proposition will be made to the McKinley side that these four delegates at large shall be sent to the convention without instructions for either Callum or McKinley. Assurances have been given to Senator Callum that this program can be carried through. John R. Tanner has a large number of McKinley delegates instructed for him as governor. He is to work upon such delegates as he can reach and induce them to consent to this program.

It has taken the hardest kind of work upon the part of those interested in preventing McKinley instructions by Illinois to keep Senator Callum in the field. The senator was earnestly advised last week by some of those friends who have stood by him in Southern and Central Illinois, to withdraw. He accepted this advice, and set about the preparation of a letter. Then the senator's Chicago advisers got after him. They insisted that he must not withdraw. He was not inclined to listen to them.

Then the compromise plan was brought forward that the senator's name should not go before the convention, but that he should keep quiet and permit those who have been supporting him to make the fight for no instructions. The argument will be used with the McKinley delegates that the two ex-governors and the editors of newspapers not antagonistic to McKinley can certainly be trusted to do the right thing without instructions.

It is urged upon the senator that he can suffer no defeat if his name does not go before the convention, and that with Tanner's help instructions for McKinley can be prevented.

So the senator has consented to withhold the letter of withdrawal until he can see how this program for no instructions develops.

Five Children Smothered.

Turners Fall, Mass., April 17.—Five children were smothered to death by smoke from a fire in a tenement house here today.

The fire originated in a basement and spread so rapidly that those on the second floor were barely able to escape with their lives. A man named Courtenay living on the upper floor, saved four of his six children. The dead are: Josephine and Edward Courtenay, aged 12 and 10; Annie and Lena Dinkels, aged 4 and 5, and Rosie Bonaire, 10.

A Miracle in Missouri.

CRIPPLED AND BENT FOR TEN YEARS WITH RHEUMATISM.

The Case Happened in Panama, Mo., and is the Wonder of the State. (From the Kansas City Times.)

For years one of the best known men in Bates and Vernon counties has been Mark M. Woodson, now postmaster at Kansas City, Mo., and brother of the late C. C. Woodson, of this city. The people of Rich Hill, where he formerly resided, and of his present home, remember well the bent form, misshapen almost, of the gentleman of man, which has laboriously bowed its head half to earth and labored snail-like across the walks season after season, and when one day last month it straightened to its full height, threw away the heavy burden of years which for years had been its only support from total helplessness, and walked erect, firmly, unhesitatingly about the two cities, people looked and wondered. The story of the remarkable case has become the marvel of the two counties. Exactly as Mr. Woodson told it to a Times reporter, it is here published:

"In '94 the rheumatism started in my right knee, and after a lingering illness it settled generally in my joints. I was finally able to arise, but for the past 5 years could only walk with the aid of crutches, and my body was bent half toward the ground. I went to the best physician in Kansas City, where I was treated for six weeks, and without the slightest good. I then tried a strong galvanic battery, with the same result. I then went to the City Hospital at St. Louis, where the best physicians treated me—including Drs. Hale and Mudd—but without result, and I came home, weak, doubled with pain and dependent. 'About this time my attention was called to the account of a remarkable cure by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People of locomotor ataxia, rheumatism and paralysis. I ordered some of the pills as an experiment. When I began to take them, the rheumatism had developed into a place of paralysis; my leg from the thigh down was cold all the time and could not be kept warm. In a short time I was able to attend to my office duties, and I could enjoy a sound and restful night's sleep, something I had not known for ten years. To-day am practically, and I firmly believe, permanently cured of my terrible and agonizing ailment. No magician of the East has ever worked the miracle with his wand that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me."

To verify the story beyond all question of doubt, Mr. Woodson made affidavit to the above.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of March, 1894.

JOHN D. MOORE, Notary Public.

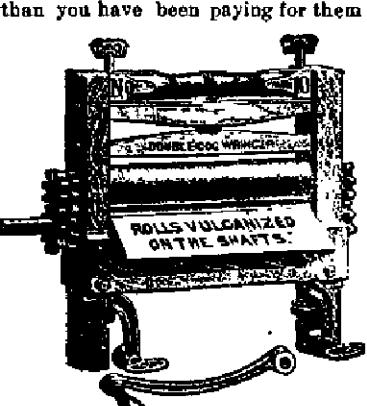
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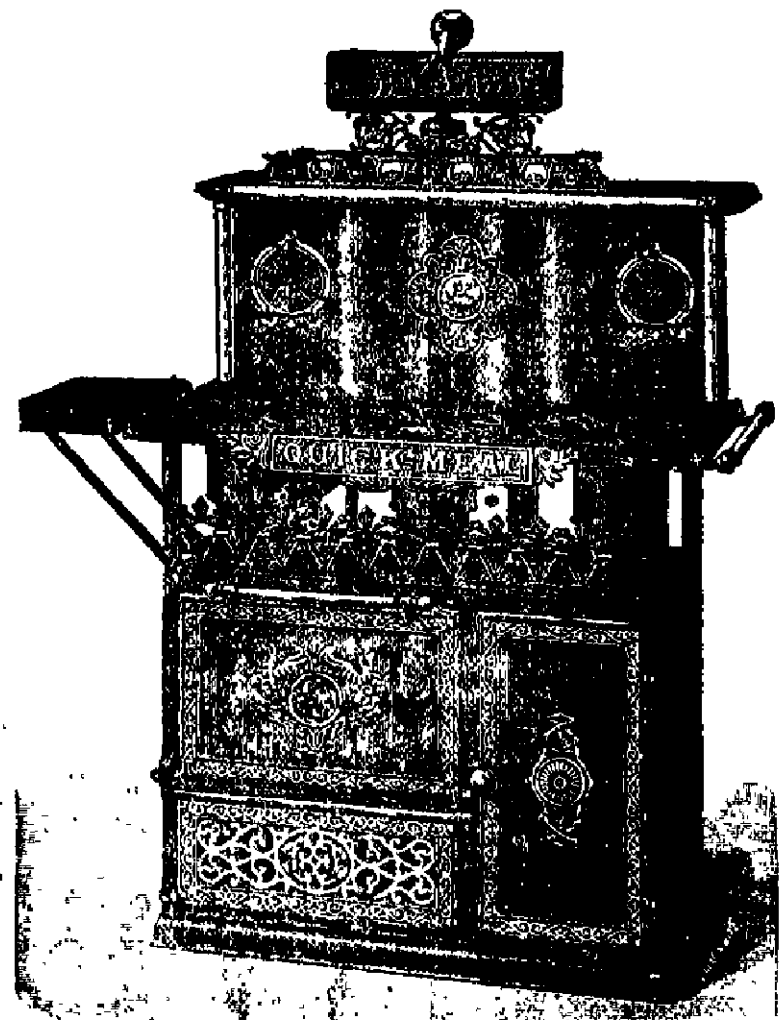
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## Weekly Republican.

THURSDAY APRIL 23, 1896.

### LOCAL NEWS.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascaros will cure. Eat them like candy.

The Mt. Zion township Sunday school convention will be held at the Prairie Hall church on May 3.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaros candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

The Gebhart block is slowly rising out of the ashes. In time the old block will be up stronger and better than ever.

Go to Spencer & Lehman company for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps and pump repairs.

The citizens of Urbana are considering an offer from the Big Four to raise \$25,000 and contribute 65 acres of land in return for securing all of the shops of the Peoria & Eastern branch.

Just Received—A full line of fresh garden seeds from the best and most reliable seedsmen by Spencer & Lehman company.

Mamma cuts a Cascaros, baby gets the benefit. Cascaros make mother's milk suitably purgative.

Go to Spencer & Lehman company for fine surreys, omnibuses and extension top buggies and road wagons, and a full line of medium grade vehicles.

Feb. 26, d&w 5m.

In an account of a fishing party off the coast of California in a California paper, the name of Judge William Traver, of Decatur, appears in the list of guests. They caught over sixty feet of rock cod, the average weight being seven pounds each.

Sam Ritchie, of the village of Warrensburg, says half the people of his town stand by W. D. Miller and say that he ought not to be arrested or punished by the law. It is evident from what Ritchie says that the town is considerably worked up over the Miller case. It is intimated that suits for damages are likely to follow.

The proposition to build and furnish fourteen election houses for the township of Decatur, with the city to co-operate in the enterprise and expense, takes well with the voters. All want fixed voting places. It is figured out that in the long run it will be more economical to have fixed voting places than to be renting and moving from point to point nearly every time an election is held. The buildings if constructed will be placed at the rear of a lot in the central part of each district, and the booths for each district will be kept in the house.

Deaths.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sammis, 1103 East William street, on Sunday, April 12, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, at their home five miles northeast of the city, April 15, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Kany, 934 West Eldorado street, April 15, a son.

MARRIED.  
At 10:34 Sunday, at the home of the bride by Rev. George F. Hall of the Christian church, on April 15, George E. Gillen and Miss Irene E. Lane, both of Decatur.

The groom is an employee at the Decatur Furniture factory.

At the home of the groom's brother on North Calhoun street, by Rev. J. E. Davis, on April 15, Alfred A. Cooper and Miss Maria Jackson, both of Decatur.

By Judge Hanauer on April 15, at the home of Mrs. Sarah McDonald, 329 North Main street, John W. May, of Mt. Zion, and Miss Grace Marse, of Decatur.

A Life for Life.

Many people have been cured of kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. Neilsen Drug & Supply Co. and N. L. Krohn—April 24—d&w

Are Doing Good Business.

A traveling man who makes frequent visits to the little towns in the vicinity of Decatur makes favorable reports of the business that is being done at those places.

He says that at some of the towns it is still but at most of the small places the merchants seem to be doing a good business all the time.

Working Women's Home Association.  
21 S. Peoria St., Chicago, Ill.  
Jan. 11, 1896.

Our Working Women's Home Association, after their home and for six years ago, are using it today. It always has been a favorite, for while its taste is not as all luxurious its objects are very beneficial. It has never yet disappointed us. We wish on all possible occasions, especially now, Laura G. Fisk, Mrs. M. Neilsen Drug & Supply Co. and N. L. Krohn—April 24—d&w

Deaths at Maroon.

From Friday's Daily.  
James Stafford died at Maroon this morning at 3 o'clock, aged 70 years, 7 months and 17 days. He was a member of the Methodist church, and one of the oldest residents of the town. He passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. W. Briggs. The funeral will take place from the Briggs residence on Friday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. Preston Wood, Jr., officiating.

James Neilsen, aged about 80 years, died at Maroon today. He had been in poor health for a long time, and his death was not unexpected.

Hot, W. & Smith Surprised.  
From Friday's Daily.

When Mt. Zion people went to have a real good time, they pass the word around quietly and fill up their baskets and then drop in unexpectedly on somebody; then when things get settled like, they open up those baskets and pile out the contents on tables—and oh, Yum Yum. You just ought to be there.

Talk about your French fricotomy, and fried frog legs all you want to, but if you want something good to eat—come out to a Mt. Zion surprise party. A crowd of friends happened in on W. S. Smith and family yesterday evening at their residence in Mt. Zion and just ran things for a while.

Mr. Smith was taken completely by surprise, but submitted gracefully, and then for two or three hours the crowd amused themselves trying to make him feel at home. It was a most enjoyable affair, because everybody said so.

## SCHEME TO GET CASH

Attempt of a Stranger to Relieve  
the Citizens' Bank of \$450.  
—It Didn't Work.

### FOX FORGED TELEGRAMS TO FOOL.

President Johnson Became Suspicious  
and Asked for Identification—De-  
lay Saved the Cash—Believed  
to Have Been a Telegraph  
Operator.

From Thursday's Daily.

Tuesday afternoon near the close of business a stranger giving his name as Willard S. Fox, a shrewd looking man aged about 35 years, blue eyes, dark hair and light mustache, and wearing a light suit of clothes a little the worse for wear, called at the Citizens' National Bank, and asked to have a draft for \$450 cashed. Fox had a telegram in his hand and he seemed confident of getting the cash. He had a talk with Milton Johnson, the president of the bank, but he went away without the money, and he hasn't been seen since, though the police, the bank officials and the Western Union telegraph officials are trying their level best to run Fox into his hole. He has been proven a crook who had a system to bust the bank—a new scheme which under ordinary circumstances might have been successfully accomplished.

Before Fox appeared at the bank this telegram came to the president through the Western Union office, delivered by one of the messenger boys:

Bloomington, Ill., April 14.  
Citizens National Bank, Decatur:  
It called upon honor eight draft Willard S. Fox, four hundred fifty.

The Citizens' bank does business with the People's bank at Bloomington and the telegram was not so unusual as to excite any suspicion. A few minutes after a man entered and presented this telegram to Mr. Johnson:

Bloomington, April 14.  
Willard S. Fox, Decatur, Ill.:  
Have advised Citizens' National to honor your draft on sight.

F. D. Marquis, Cashier.

Fox imagined that he would have no trouble in getting the money, but he found that he didn't want but \$450. He could get along with that amount. But Mr. Johnson was not in a hurry to honor the draft. He desired to proceed slowly, and he had a talk with the stranger, which resulted in Mr. Johnson requiring Fox to get somebody in Decatur to identify him. Fox suggested that the telegrams he had were sufficient, but Mr. Johnson insisted on the personal identification. Fox said he was stopping at the St. Nicholas, and possibly he could get Mr. Laux to identify him, or he might get V. H. Parke to do it, but he didn't like to ask them. Then Mr. Johnson said he would send the draft by mail to the People's bank to turn it if it was all right, and if a telegram came Wednesday morning to honor the draft Fox could call and get the money. Fox didn't like the delay, as he wanted the money then so that he could finish his business in the city before night and get away. He didn't want to linger over night in the city. But Mr. Johnson held out the draft and said he would have to send it to Bloomington first for verification before he would hand over the money. Then Fox went away, and that was the last seen of him.

Early Wednesday morning Mr. Johnson got a message from the Bloomington bank stating that they did not know Fox and that he had no money in the bank, and further that they did not send any telegram such as given above. Then it was at once realized that the stranger was a crook and a forger. But there was a mystery about the telegrams which worried the bank officials, and incidentally yesterday afternoon Cashier Dawson called the attention of W. H. Davis, the manager of the Western Union office, to the matter, desiring an explanation as to how forged telegrams could be made to go through in such a smooth manner. At first it was a puzzle for Davis. He got all the points, and then went to work, with the result that he discovered that the man Fox must have been a telegraph operator, who filed up the scheme to bust the bank, and then gained access to some telegraph office where he sent the messages. And then all he had to do was to drop into the bank and pocket the money—but he didn't do it this time.

The forged telegrams were all right in their face, even to the marks peculiar to each sending office, down to the signature of the sender, which in this case was that of Morgan, the manager of the Bloomington office; but it was learned that the messages never passed through the Bloomington office. Morgan and none of the office force there had sent them and there was no record in the office of any such messages having been filed for transmission. Fox had evidently posed himself as to the business relations of the two banks. It is true that the Citizens' bank does all of its Bloomington business through the People's bank, and the receipts of the forged telegram did not excite any suspicion at the time. Very likely had the two words "waive identification" been included in the message the money would have been paid without any questioning.

Manager Davis in the course of his investigations last evening learned that a telegraph operator giving his name as Cunningham had stepped into the office of the Illinois Central Railroad company at the depot Monday, stating that he was an operator and knew people at Assumption. He came inside and went to one of the telegraph offices. He clicked the keys a short time, and then went out. The office operator did not pay any attention to what Cunningham was sending over the wires as he was busy with his work.

Fox had registered at the St. Nicholas as "W. S. Fox, Peoria." Mr. Davis has secured the signature, and will send it in to headquarters. He says the writing is very like that of a telegraph operator and

he is inclined to the belief that Fox and Cunningham are one and the same person.

If Fox can be located anywhere he will be arrested for failing to pay his board bill at the St. Nicholas. He owes for two months obtained at the hotel.

Mr. Parke does not know Fox. He had never heard of him. Evidently Fox had thought the bank might want identification and he had got Parke's name down put for use in case of necessity.

Mr. Johnson and the other officials at the Citizens' bank are uniformly cautious in dealing with strangers. It was fortunate that they were careful in this case, for it was a smooth trick. Had it worked the bank would be out today the neat sum of four-fifty.

"FOX" WAS CUNNINGHAM.

More About the Man who Tried to Do the Citizens' Bank—He is a Telegraph Operator.

Manager Davis, of the Western Union office, who has been working steadily on the forged telegram case, is now satisfied that W. S. Fox, who didn't get \$450 out of the Citizens' National bank, is none other than Frank A. Cunningham, an old operator, who for ten years was manager of the Western Union office at St. Augustine, Fla., and had worked for the company at Forest Centralia, Colfax and possibly at Assumption. In 1887 Cunningham made application to the Western Union for a position. He did it in writing, and the application was filed out today to make a comparison of the handwriting. It is quite similar in style. It is also learned that Cunningham has a wife at Assumption. It is the theory of Manager Davis that Cunningham sent the bogus telegrams through the Illinois Central telegraph office at the depot at a time when he knew the operator would be too busy to pay any attention to what he was sending. He could have done the sending from any point, and the messages would have gone through the up-town office of the Western Union without exciting any suspicion of crookedness.

It is the earnest hope of the Western Union people that they will be able to run Cunningham down, in order that he may be prosecuted. There will be no let up in this case.

Laux Had Another Close Call.

It seems that Willard S. Fox, the scamp who tried to get \$450 out of the Citizens' bank, made an effort to swindle Charles Laux out of \$50 before working the larger trick. Fox had a draft for \$50, which he showed to Laux, remarking that he guessed the bank would want somebody to identify him before he could get the money. Laux saw the Bloomington telegram and he at once said that that would fix him all right with the bank, and there would be no necessity for identification, and Fox said he thought so, too; but he had Fox insisted on Laux going over to the bank with him very likely the guileless hotel man would have done so, and then he would have been stuck for at least fifty. Mr. Laux now says something told him that Fox was not straight goods. He got that impression at once, and it was his aim from the start to freeze him when it came to going to the bank. Very frequently Mr. Laux has been "touched" in various ways by strangers, and his costly experience has made him a bit cautious; though he says he is just as liable as not to be picked up again by some forger or wily schemer. But he feels a little good over the Fox case, in that he did not lose anything except the price of two meals which the fellow didn't pay for. He never expects to see the man again.

A Warrant for Cunningham.

This afternoon Milton Johnson, president of the Citizens' National bank, swore out a state warrant for the arrest of W. S. Fox, alias Frank A. Cunningham, who made an effort Tuesday by means of bogus telegrams, to bust the bank out of \$450. Since it appears certain that Fox is really Cunningham, and it is known that he has a wife at Assumption, there is a prospect of effecting his arrest, and it is deemed wise to have the warrant ready for quick action. The officers have the matter in hand and they are confident of getting their man.

FELL INTO A TRENCH.

W. H. Sniffen Loses His Driving Horse  
in a Peculiar Way.

From Thursday's Daily.

Last night W. H. Sniffen, lost his driving horse in a rather peculiar manner. There is a sewer trench extending from the alley between Main and Water streets into William street. The horse was hitched to a surrey and becoming frugal fell into the ditch while Mr. Sniffen was getting into the surrey. The horse was in the ditch for almost four hours and was dead when taken out. The accident attracted a large crowd of people who watched the efforts to get the horse out of the place. The trench was but two feet wide and seven feet deep and the horse was wedged in tightly. An effort was made to tie ropes about the horse's body and pull him out but that was a failure and finally Harman Bros. came with pulleys and derrick after other attempts were fruitless. While the men were trying to tie the rope around the horse the poor animal was making frantic efforts to free himself and beat his head against the sides of the ditch. The horse died at 10:30 o'clock and later his body was brought out of the hole. The accident gathered a large crowd of people and several policemen were kept busy trying to keep the people out of the way of the workmen.

Veterans at the Altar.

There was a wedding of more than ordinary interest on the evening of Tuesday, April 14, at the office of Squire John H. Hughes in Long Creek township. The groom was James Honnans and the bride was Mrs. Moseley M. Lowrey, both nearly sixty years of age. It was the third marriage for the groom, and the fourth time for the bride. The couple were quite shy for such old veterans at the matrimonial altar but they responded promptly to the binding questions put them by Squire Hughes who tied the matrimonial knot securely in accordance with the statutes of the great state of Illinois.

## MAKING OF WILLS.

A Lawyer Points Out the Defects in the Existing Law Governing Bequests.

A well-known Bloomington lawyer talked to a Pantagrapher regarding a defect in the common law which every testator is interested in. He said:

"The next legislature of this state should abrogate by statute the ancient common-law rule of property, otherwise known by the legal profession as the rule in 'Shelley's case.' This rule of the common law, which is in force in this state, is of general interest to almost every person residing in the state, and notwithstanding bar associations have resolved over and over to use efforts for the annulling of the law, and bills have been introduced in the legislature for a substitute for the law, which were killed, and the law still stands. This law has caused more litigation in the legal construction of wills than any other legal proposition that has been submitted to our courts. A great many states have modified this law by statute. The trouble with the rule in Shelley's case is that it defeats the intention of persons in drawing wills for the distribution of their property, and if a person makes a will, that from its wording would come within the common law rule, the clear intention of the testator is defeated and the property will go into the hands of persons in fee simple when the intention from the will may be clearly set out in the will that their property is only devised for life.

"The only way property can now be devised by will in this state so as to get rid of the rule is to devise to a trustee for the use of the person who has a life interest in the property entailed. Persons may say 'Hire a lawyer.' All well and good. There are cases pending in the courts of this country that lawyers of years of practice draw; wills to evade the rule without naming a trustee, but the rule was held to apply. On the other hand many persons have their wills drawn by an old friend of the family without any legal knowledge of the many rules of law and they are broken by disinterested legates in often costly litigation to the heirs and very often absorbing the whole estate. There is no good reason why the ancient law should not be abrogated by our legislature at its next session."

## TOWN BOARD MEETING.

Assessors Selected by Assessor Keeler  
Approved—Permanent Voting  
Places Suggested.

From Thursday's Daily.

At the meeting of the town board for Decatur township held at the office of Justice Odor yesterday afternoon, all of the members except Justice Harby were present. It was ordered that the seventy judges and clerks who served at the election April 7 be paid \$3 each, or a total of \$210. The bills for rented voting places, \$300, were also ordered paid. It was decided to continue holding the town meetings at Odor's office.

Assessor Keeler stated that he had selected his assistants for the May assessment. They are A. F. Johnson, Bud Flory, Marion May and Henry Keeler, the latter to serve as clerk. The selections were approved. The members of the board were each paid \$1.50 for attending the meeting.

Permanent Voting Places.

James H. Montgomery had a proposition to submit. It was about permanent voting places in the fourteen districts in the township. Mr. Montgomery had figured that the township could save enough money to pay for the places within the course of a few years. At present the annual expense of rent for polling places is about \$20 for each precinct. There is an additional expense at each election for the hauling of the iron booths to and from the voting places. It was suggested to the board that the township and the city could combine to have fourteen little houses built of the dimension of 18x10 feet and at a cost not to exceed \$100 each. The interest on the investment in each house and the ground rent of \$5 per year would amount to \$12 annually, while the present expense for rent alone is \$200. The houses could be so constructed that the booths could be placed in them and allowed to remain there. No action was taken.

## HOUSE ROBBERY.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Robinson Entered by Thieves—What They Got.

From Thursday's Daily.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Robinson north of the city on the Bloomington road was entered by burglars last night, and they wandered through the rooms and got away without disturbing anybody. This morning the fact that thieves had been in the house was discovered. There was abundant evidence of the fact, as was shown by the burnt matches scattered through the rooms and the presence of candle grease here and there. The midnight visitors had gone into the basement and helped themselves to milk and oatmeal generally, and had handled the silverware, and had gone through drawers and desks in the different rooms, but all that is missing is a pair of very valuable eye glasses belonging to Mrs. Robinson and the baby's bank which contained a lot of pennies, how many it is not known, but the amount was no small sum. Attached to the eye glasses was a fine gold chain.

The robbers entered the dwelling over the front porch which had been newly painted. The posts show the marks made in climbing to the roof. Mr. Robinson is not at home. He is down in old Mexico in charge of a large number of men engaged in building an extension of the Santa Fe railroad to the Pacific coast. Mrs. Robinson and her children, with Miss Ella Casey, of Kansas, occupy the dwelling. They occupied sleeping apartments on the second floor. The thieves did not enter their rooms, and neither Miss Casey nor Mrs. Robinson was disturbed by the presence of the burglars in the house.

The robbery was reported to the police this morning and efforts were made at once toward capturing the thieves and to recover the property stolen.

The scarlet fever epidemic at Havana is now confined to two families.

## PASTOR HALL AGAIN

Proposition to Settle All Trouble by  
a New Election of Board  
Members.

### WHAT JONES AND HALL SAY.

Busy Times for the Contending  
Factions in the Christian Church  
Congregation—No  
Light Yet.

From Friday's Daily.

There is now on foot a movement to forever settle the Christian church difficulties and to do it peacefully. It is a proposition made by one of the members of the official board, George F. Jones, to the effect that Rev. George F. Hall, the pastor, and all the members of the board resign, and then allow the members of the church to come together two weeks later and elect whom they please for officers. This morning there was a conference between Rev. Hall, Mr. Jones and several others, when the proposition was presented to the pastor. It is not made by the board but by Mr. Jones as an individual. The board as a body are not prepared to advance any proposition. If the affair materializes it promises to settle the misunderstandings as well as any idea that has been yet been brought forward.

Mr. Jones Talks.

Mr. Jones in speaking of the matter this morning said that he did not know whether all the members of the board would agree to the plan, but that all with whom he had talked were in favor of it. A paper is to be signed by all the officers and Mr. Hall, agreeing that they resign and then they will all give up their offices at the same time. Mr. Jones said, "It seems to me that this is the only way in which the matter can be settled. It is a fair proposition and then the two factions will come together peacefully and elect whom they want for officers by a majority vote. Of course Mr. Hall has been dismissed and it is not necessary for him to resign but then we will let it go that way and call it a resignation. I think that all the members of the board will agree to this plan but I have not talked with them all yet. Mr. Laux was present at the conference this morning and was in favor of the movement. If such a thing should be carried out the church would be peaceful and all the past troubles would be smoothed over. I am making this as an individual proposition and not as representing the board."

Mr. Hall's Side.

There have been rumors afloat to the effect that Mr. Hall was going to resign and last night there was a story out that he was going to leave suddenly. When asked about the matter this morning Mr. Hall said they were all false. If it was necessary to save the church he would have but not while the opposition members of the board were in power. He says that he would have no trouble in getting another church and would not be out of a job a single Sunday. What he wants to do he says is to save the church.

In speaking of the plan presented by Mr. Jones Mr. Hall said: "It is an entirely fair proposition but I am willing to submit to it, providing of course that the others do the same. I would not expect anything that was fair for the board have never made a fair proposition and will not settle the matter on a fair basis. However, I am willing to submit to this plan. I will be the last man to sign the paper; I will not put my name to it until all the others have signed. I think myself that it is rather doubtful whether the plan will ever go through. I do not know whether they church could again engage me as pastor and if they could there will be a question whether I would accept."

"If the plan fell through we stand just where we did before and I will not leave unless the other men are out. On this point I am firm. They have been in power too long and have made all the trouble and I will not leave the church to their tender mercies."

Last night there was a meeting of Mr. Hall's friends at the pastor's residence. Matters were discussed but they refuse to say what plans they were making. Mr. Jones says that now that Mr. Hall is in favor of his plan he will work with the other members of the board and try to induce them to agree. Then the congregation can elect whoever they please for the rulers. On the other hand if the plan fell through affairs will stand as they are now as Mr. Hall positively refused to leave while his enemies are still in power. There will probably be some definite announcement made in church next Sunday.

Carr Appointed Guardian.

In the county court Friday E. D. Carr, of Argenta, was appointed guardian for Lawrence E., Augusta E., Charles H., Onie, James and Lucien B. Evans, children of the late Mary L. Evans, whose life was insured for \$1,000 for the benefit of her children. All of the money goes to the children with the exception of about \$100 which was expended for funeral necessities. The ages of the children range from 6 to 18 years. The father, Henry H. Evans, is living.

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## ELECTION NEWS.

### Result of the Contest for Aldermen in Decatur—A Tie Vote in the First Ward.

#### UNT KEPT CANDIDATES GUESSING.

#### Sharp Contests in Four Wards—Talk of Recounts and Contests to Settle Disputed Claims on Various Points.

The result of the election held in Decatur Tuesday for choice of aldermen in the seven wards in the city was known at an early hour last evening, though it took a long time to hear from the Fifth ward. The figures as they were posted on the bulletin board at the Republican office where a great crowd had assembled to read the returns caused something of a surprise, and many wondered how it came about that certain results were reached. Of course it was known in advance that R. R. Montgomery, in the Second ward, and George DeWitt, in the Third ward, would be elected, for they had no opposition. It was only a matter of time before it was different in the other wards, particularly in the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh. In the first the count showed a tie vote for DeWitt, Republican nominee, and Mathias, Independent-Republican, 217 votes each, with 106 for Edwards, Independent Democrat. In the Fourth ward, Democratic nominee, defeated Loy, Republican nominee, only two votes. In the Fifth election, Democratic nominee, with three votes over Williams, Republican nominee. In the Sixth election, Democratic nominee, with 89 votes over Hamilton, Republican nominee, while Miller, Pro. Ind., got but 28 votes. In the Seventh ward, Republican nominee, defeated Fritz, Democrat-Independent, 17 votes.

Vote by Wards.

| Ward     | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth | Sixth | Seventh |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| Mathias  | 217   | 106    | 217   | 106    | 217   | 106   | 217     |
| DeWitt   | 217   | 106    | 217   | 106    | 217   | 106   | 217     |
| Edwards  | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217   | 106     |
| Loy      | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217   | 106     |
| Williams | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217   | 106     |
| Miller   | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217   | 106     |
| Fritz    | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217    | 106   | 217   | 106     |

The result on the pack fund proposition is now in doubt, and it will take the official canvass to determine the result. It is now figured out that the vote on that proposition was just 20 short of a majority of all the votes cast, and a majority of all the votes cast for aldermen is required to authorize the 9 percent levy. The defeat of the proposition will be a serious and very unfortunate setback to pack improvements. It should have been adopted by a large majority.

#### Results from the Wards.

It is claimed that the result in the First ward is not yet settled by a "long shot," whatever that means. It is asserted that in that ward there were at least five ballots received where the intention of the voters was in question. One ballot in particular which was finally counted for Mathias, thus making the result a tie as to DeWitt. It is claimed that should have been thrown out. Four ballots had an X in the circle at the left of "Republican" also an X at the left of Mathias' name. It was not clear to the judges what might be done with these ballots, but they were counted for Mathias. And then there was one ballot which had a cross at the left of Mathias' name and across the names of DeWitt and Edwards there were pencil marks. During the count that ballot was thrown out, but subsequently when it was seen that by counting it for Mathias it would be a tie vote as to him and DeWitt it was called back and counted for Mathias. These are the facts as stated last night and today. The parties are commenting freely on what ought or will be done, and it seems that after the result has been declared in the council there will be a contest in the courts. But neither DeWitt nor Mathias has anything to say now. Each has probably made up his mind what he will do, but the public will be kept in the dark as to their purpose until time comes for action. All signs of hustling was going on in the ward all day, and each side was confident of winning.

In the Fourth ward it was close tipping between Loy and DeWitt, the latter on the count coming with a majority of two. The official count is not likely to change the result, but nobody can tell how that will be. It is probable that as the result was so close the count was very carefully made last night.

In the Fifth ward there is likely to be more heard about the contest in that division of the city. It is charged by Williams and his friends that the polls were not opened on time, the delay being 15 minutes past the time prescribed by law. Williams had some railroad men waiting to vote for him, but because the polls were not open they had to go out on their trains which had then been held beyond the scheduled time for departure. It is further claimed that several ballots that should have been counted for Williams were thrown out by the judges. A contest is certain in the Fifth ward, and Mr. Gogarty will have to appear in court as defendant in the proceedings. Mr. Williams went against big odds in that ward, and he is sure that he received a majority of the votes cast, that he is ready to contend for his rights to the last. He receives he was elected. He may also question the vote of the judges in keeping the polls closed after the hour prescribed by law for opening the same.

In the Sixth ward it was a three-cornered contest, with Ophardt an easy winner. He got more votes than both of his opponents.

In the Seventh ward the south end vote made an effort to beat Hill but it was a losing game. Hill was the Republican nominee in a ward where the party majority should have been over 100, but the action of the "kickers" cut down the majority to 17. The north end Republicans gave Hill a majority of 54, which was 17 in excess of the Fritz majority in the south end of the ward. Mr. Hill will take his seat in the council.

#### In Mason County.

Five Mounds—At Blue Mound yesterday the issue was the license question and the temperance people carried the day by a majority of 11. The tickets and the votes received by the candidates were as follows: Anti-licensing tickets: President, A. C. Foster, 73; trustees, F. H. Henshaw, 81; J. F. Ellis, 79; J. W. K. McClure, 77; clerk, J. R. Van Cleave, 77; E. H. Baugh, police magistrate, 62, no opposition.

People's tickets: President, D. N. Porter, 8; trustees, Joseph Miller, 76; L. B. Ware, 78; J. E. Sprague, 8; clerk, E. T. Clements, 88. For license, 68; against license, 71.

Warrensburg—There was no special issue in the election there. The old town board stood against license and the successful candidates do not change the complexion of the board on that question. The members of the board elected were J. D. Whitelaw, president; Clarence Bittich, clerk; Alfred Buckley, H. C. Binkley and J. H. Berman, trustees. They were elected by a majority of 16 over C. W. Hastings for president; Frank Williams for clerk; and Martin Albert, Wm. Isham and C. L. Sullivan for trustees.

Macon—At Macon the Citizens' ticket won over the People's ticket. The vote on the Citizens' ticket was as follows: For aldermen, full term—O. R. Hopsen, 80; Wm. I. Brooks, 96; Robert Patterson, 80; for alderman to fill vacancy, Henry Small, 80; for treasurer, John Schuchel, 110.

People's ticket—For aldermen for full term, W. T. Catherwood, 52; A. J. Cook, 18; Wm. Richardson, 77. For alderman to fill vacancy, Charles Jones, 59.

#### Niantic—The no-licensing ticket was elected.

Macon—At the city election held of three aldermen elected, two are on the license ticket, the result being that the new council will stand four to three in favor of license. Of the three holdovers aldermen John McGraw and John Stout-enborough are for license and Charles Lohr anti-licensing. Mayor McLean is also anti-licensing. The vote was as follows, the anti-licensing candidates being given first: First ward, George B. Partelow, 121; Arthur Wilcox, 126. Second ward, Allen H. Davidson, 50; J. M. Wilcox, 62. Third ward, Loyal T. Crowell, 40; William Clough, 42.

#### Other Towns.

Lincoln—The city election held today resulted in the success of the People's ticket over the Republicans by a narrow majority. A police judge and five aldermen were elected. The successful candidates were: Sulp (Dem.), police judge; Conkall, Conkock and Brinkett (Dem.), aldermen; Corvint and Cognia (Reps.), aldermen.

Litchfield—The Republicans elected a majority of their ticket. D. W. Taylor, Republican, was elected mayor by over 100 majority; W. T. Thorpe, Republican, city clerk; M. J. McMurtry, Democrat, city attorney; John F. Goldington, Democrat, city treasurer; Thomas E. Richards, Republican, police magistrate. The Republicans elected five of the ten aldermen, with Huse, Republican, and Milne, Democrat, a tie in the Fifth ward.

Pana—The election resulted in a Democratic landslide, each ward returning a Democrat, except in the Second, where one Democrat and one Republican are elected. The council will now stand seven Democrats to three Republicans, with a Democratic mayor. John Bezdol is elected in the First ward, K. A. McCracken, Republican, and A. H. McMillan, Democrat, in the Second ward, T. O. Hawker in the Third ward, M. M. Heath in the Fourth ward, and M. V. Johnson in the Fifth ward.

Assumption—There were three tickets in the field, namely, Citizens' Improvement, Anti-Water Works and Anti-Licensing; the entire Citizens' ticket was elected. The elected are: George Hutchinson, mayor; J. Michael, Joe Lamborn, H. L. Cushing, aldermen; H. Pratte, police magistrate. License carried by 39 majority.

Runaway—There is great rejoicing here over the success of the anti-licensing, by a majority of 20. R. D. Carr was elected president; J. M. Brown, clerk; S. E. Stokes, H. F. Morrison, anti-licensing trustees. The license people made a desperate effort. The village won 3 anti-licensing last year.

Clinton—In Clinton's city election yesterday Engineer A. Turley was chosen from the East, Fletcher Taylor from the North and Henry Henson from the South ward. They are all Republicans, as is now the entire council.

Taylorville—The election resulted in a victory for the license ticket, the four wards electing license aldermen, as follows: First ward, F. M. Martin; Second ward, George P. Altmyer; Third ward, Edward Rensmy; Fourth ward, Guilford Anderson. Alfred Adams, Prohibition, defeated W. H. Knapp, license, for police magistrate. License was defeated at Edinburgh by 70 majority.

Arden—After one of the hardest factional fights ever witnessed in this city, the business men, or license people, elected their entire ticket by majorities ranging from 2 to 27. The ticket consisted of four aldermen and a police magistrate. The victorious aldermen are Gus Tossman, First ward; C. E. Warr and V. G. Hunt, Second ward; A. B. Flickinger, Third ward. Allen Todd was elected police magistrate.

Bonnet—The license issue prevailed by a majority of fifty-two, the largest majority in the city's history. Officers elected: Mayor, E. R. Seyler; aldermen, J. Y. Knapp, J. T. Moore and C. M. Camp; clerk, C. O. Houck.

Corro Gordo—The entire People's municipal ticket was elected today: J. E.

Blalger, mayor; Hiram Phillips, W. A. Gary and M. Billings, aldermen, and E. A. Barnwell, clerk. The proposition to license saloons was beaten by 113 majority.

Lillopolis—The following were elected: J. H. Cowdin, president; George Phillips, Ernest Wut and Homer Hesser, aldermen; C. D. Sears, clerk.

Tuscola—In the city election here today three aldermen were elected, they being Charles A. Brandt, Charles Smith and A. A. McKee, the latter a Democrat, the two former Republicans. Billiard license was voted down by 200.

Shelbyville—The following aldermen were elected: First ward, Isaac S. Stern, Democrat; Second ward, Dr. W. J. Eddy, Republican; Third ward, William Warner, Independent Democrat; Fourth ward, William Beem, Republican. A majority of the new council will be for license.

#### THE OLD SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

The Members of Danahoe Post are Preparing a Meeting Place for the Dead Veterans at Greenwood Cemetery.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

R. J. Roberts, who was a few months ago was appointed by the G. A. R. to the position of custodian of the old soldiers' lot in Greenwood cemetery, has been making some extensive improvements in the property. Heretofore the old veterans' graves have been scattered through the cemetery and no special care has been given them unless by friends or on Memorial day. Last year the post bought a lot in the southwest part of the cemetery and the remains of many of the old soldiers were disinterred and buried in the new lot. It is now the intention of the custodian to keep a record of all those who are buried here and he is now at work gathering the names. There are fifty-six graves in the G. A. R. lot and of these about twenty are of unknown men who have been buried and forgotten. There are about 200 who are buried in different parts of the cemetery and also some in the Catholic cemetery and the names of all these and in fact all who are buried in the cemetery will be recorded.

The lot is situated on the side of a hill and a stone wall has been built around it. The ground is to be leveled and the decorations on all the graves will be uniform. There are some of the graves not supplied with head stones and for these the post will secure from the national government about twenty marble slabs which will be allowed for old soldiers' graves. Only the remains of old soldiers will be allowed to be interred in the lot. It is the desire of the post that all the veterans be properly buried and their graves looked after.

Custodian Roberts has given considerable time to the work of collecting the names of the dead soldiers and he expects to have a list as complete as is possible. Many have died without friends and relatives and the names of those will never be known but the long list is being compiled with the hope that many who have long been forgotten.

The old canon which has been in the cemetery for the past ten or twelve years will be repaired and placed in the G. A. R. lot. The work of improving the place will be finished in time for the Memorial Day exercises at the cemetery.

#### DEATH OF WILL S. RUBY.

The Well-Known Bicycle Expert Drowned Away in California.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

This noon this letter was received in the mail.

Riverside, Cal., April 17, '96.

H. Mueller Gun Co.  
Dear Sir: I am sorry to have to write to you that Will Ruby died this noon at 12:10. He suffered a great deal but in all his suffering never forgot how kind you have been to him. Thanking you very much for all you have done for him, I remain, his loving sister,  
Emma S. Ruby.

The deceased was personally known to all cyclists and many other people in Decatur. He was aged 25 years and was a son of Dr. Ruby, formerly of Bonnet and Decatur. He was in the employ of the H. Mueller Gun company up to last July when on account of falling health he went to the home of his parents at Riverside, Cal. He was afflicted with consumption. The many friends of Will in Decatur will regret to learn of his death.

#### Sales of Real Estate.

Emma E. Benton to Victor Benton et al, lot 3, block 2, and lot 9, block 7, village of Forsyth, \$100.

Evon Thomas, Jr., to Gottlieb Partow lot 2, block 2, E. Thomas' subdivision, \$270.

Christopher Augustus to Miss Behrman, tract 29 foot in off the west side of lot 16, block 7, Curver's addition, \$2.

Wilkin Chandler to John Chandler, 5 feet off the east side of lot 11 and 38 feet off the west side of lot 13 in block 5 in Summit block, \$2,000.

Louisa Strander to E. L. Martin the northeast corner of section 25, township 16, range 2 east, \$1.

Alce Roper to Hattie B. Heath, lot 10, block 9, East Park boulevard, \$1,000.

William T. Moffett to Julius S. Brown, tract in block 10, Western addition, \$1.

James J. Finn to Frank M. Balston, master's deed of tract of land in 36, 15, 3 east, \$292.

#### Adjudged Insane.

In the county court by a commission composed of Dr. Dixon and Dr. Allen, Jacob Swinehart was adjudged insane on Saturday. Jacob is the young man who went wrong mentally down in Tennessee, and was brought here to be disposed of. He has been a theological student, and some believe that he was in possession of important secrets direct from the New Jerusalem, and that he was in on vital matters affecting some great corporations. Judge Hammer on the report of the commission declared Swinehart insane, and ordered that he be taken to the Kankakee asylum for treatment. Swinehart is 27 years of age. His father went crazy and he had a brother who was an idiot.

One Minute Cough Cure touches the right spot. It also touches it at the right time if you use it when you have a cough or cold. See the point! Then don't cough. West's Drug Store.

## LOCAL NEWS.

The administrator of the estate of the late Ross Welsner is W. Z. Walsbury. The value of the estate is about \$3,500.

The Rev. Mr. Macgregor will be in Decatur in time to enter the pulpit of the Baptist church as pastor on the first Sunday in May.

A HIGH-LIVER with a torpid liver will not be a long liver. Correct the liver with DeWitt's Little Early Riser, little pills that cure dyspepsia and constipation. West's drug store.

The Illinois Central carries much grain from its stations north of Cairo to New Orleans, and it is assumed the total receipts of corn at that port during the five months ending March, 1896, exceeded 12,000 car loads. The trunk lines seem to be unable to compete with the Gulf rails.

J. W. PIERCE, Republic, Ia., says: "I have used One Minute Cough Cure in my family and for myself, with results so entirely satisfactory that I can hardly find words to express myself as to its merits. I will never fail to recommend it to others on every occasion that presents itself." West's Drug Store.

The contest in the county court between Conservator J. W. Bace and Assignee S. S. Jack, for possession of the Mutual Life savings property will come up in a few days. All of the lawyers in the case are on the alert and from present indications they will fight for every inch of ground.

Farmers in Minnesota are reported greatly discouraged. Up to and including Sunday, the 19th, there had not been a day in April on which snow, hail or rain had not fallen in Minnesota. Thousands of acres of land are under water and probably cannot be silled this year. In portions of North Dakota the conditions are equally discouraging.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

### Canner.

W. J. Magoos in this vicinity last week looking after his farm east of here. He is now looking out here last week looking out for his chances for state's attorney.

At the school election Saturday R. F. McDonald was elected for another term as director. There was a large turnout at the polls.

County Clerk J. M. Doid, wife of and son, Earl, visited with the family of Dr. Foster, on Monday last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aho Turpin on Saturday, April 18, a daughter.

On Friday night George Bahmeyer's horse made a wreck of his buggy by knocking it. He and Sam Davis were together. Neither was hurt.

John W. Sanner, candidate for the position of circuit clerk on the Republican ticket, was out here last week looking out for his interest.

Protracted meetings which have been in progress for about three or four weeks under the charge of Rev. C. C. Dillman, came to a close Monday night.

On Monday occurred the funeral and burial of Lizzie Urban at the Dunkard church east of LaPlace. Rev. Dillman conducted the services. The notice of her death was in yesterday's paper.

Mrs. Wm. Urban has come to live with her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Patterson, near here since the death of her daughters, Emma and Lizzie.

The children of H. F. Jennings, near here, have the measles.

Dr. Catto was out here to see John A. Myers, who is very sick. He and Dr. Patterson had a consultation Monday evening.

At the village election held here Tuesday Dr. D. W. Porter, candidate for president of the village board on the People's ticket, was elected by a majority of twelve votes over Dr. A. G. Foster, candidate on the anti-licensing ticket. J. C. Sprague, candidate for trustee and E. T. Clements, for village clerk on People's ticket, were also elected the latter receiving 19 majority over his competitor, John Van Cleave. The anti-licensing people elected F. E. Henshaw and Jerry F. Ellis, trustees, and E. H. Baugh, police magistrate. The latter had no competitor. The majority against saloon license was 13 votes, 8 less than last year.

At the school election held here Saturday there were two candidates for school director. Mrs. Dr. Foster and W. H. Fry, the latter being elected. Mrs. Foster is the first lady who ever ran for an office in Blue Mound and as she received 73 votes it is considered quite a compliment to her. The school directors will meet on Monday and decide whether they would not employ any of the old force of teachers from the principal down but would have a new set throughout for the coming year. They then accepted the offer of Dr. M. Evans as teacher for the first intermediate room and Miss Foster as teacher for the second intermediate room on employment of a principal and two intermediate teachers until a future meeting.

Mrs. Stella Winter has been re-employed by the Pleasant View directors for an eight-months term the coming year at a salary of \$60 per month.

One who has been engaged to teach the Ireland school, and B. C. Dietl the Blue Mound country school the coming year. J. W. Easterly's new house in the H. J. Waddell addition is well under way and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

C. S. Lewis is building a new house for a son.

### Bearsdale.

Mr. L. Clodfelder, operator at this place, resigned his position and expects to obtain employment elsewhere as an operator.

The party of M. C. Labow's Thursday night was well attended. All had an enjoyable time.

Miss Lulu Pharr's and Mrs. E. J. Shrum and son, Charles, spent a part of last week with relatives at Cairo.

Mr. Claude Wichee, of Decatur, is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. J. D. Childs, this week.

Miss Amy Ward, of Decatur, is visiting with friends and relatives at this place. Quite a number from here attended the missionary meeting at Warrensburg Tuesday night.

Mr. M. J. McDermott, of Decatur, gave a temperance lecture at the ball ground Saturday evening, however, the crowd was not large, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Mr. H. H. Pharris made a business trip to Forsyth Tuesday.

Dr. J. S. Bernas, of Decatur, was in our village Monday.

### Amusements.

The Holden Comedy Company all the remainder of the week with Saturday matinee.

Tuesday night, April 23, Frohman's "Sowing the Wind" Co.

This is one of the best attractions of the season and should receive the patronage of the church going people on account of its highly moral teachings.

The Central Street Railway company, of Florida, have put sprinklers in service on their lines.

## DEATH OF TWO SISTERS.

Died at her home near Edwardsville, this state, Mrs. Emma Dickman nee Urban, on Wednesday, April 15. Mrs. Dickman was but 31 and was married last October. She was, up till about two years ago, a resident of Casper and had a host of friends, for all who knew her were friends to her. She was buried at Edwardsville. The funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, and were solemnly terminated when her sister, Miss Lizzie Clara Urban, died from the same disease, typhoid fever, at Venice, near Edwardsville. Lizzie was a resident of Casper, making her home chiefly with her sister, Mrs. M. W. Patterson, when she was not teaching school. She had gone at duty's call to care for her sister, Emma, when she was taken sick, and contracted the disease that took her away. Lizzie was 18 years of age. Her body was brought to LaPlace Saturday night to the home of her brother, Frank.

The funeral obsequies were held at the Dunkard church at LaPlace, Ill., on Monday, conducted by Rev. C. C. Dillman of the United Brethren church at Casper, of which church she was a member. Interment took place at the cemetery north of LaPlace. The sisters leave a host of friends and relatives to mourn their departure, among the latter are Mrs. M. W. Patterson, sister of the departed, Mrs. Urban, their mother, and four brothers, Frank of LaPlace, William of Edwardsville, George of whose whereabouts we are not acquainted, and Henry, the youngest.

### Manages a Big Farm.

C. K. Ream is the manager of a very large farm in Griggley township, McLean county. He is known as the champion corn raiser of the county. He has 1,440 acres, all in a high state of cultivation, with a fine farm residence and barns and granaries that cover several acres. There are seventy-two miles of tile, of all sizes, on the farm. He has one line of 18-inch tile over a mile in length. The hills on the farm, as well as the low lands, are tiled out. Mr. Ream rents all his land out to be put in corn and gets one-half of all the corn raised, husked out and put in cribs on his home place. The corn is all put in cribs before being divided, he furnishing the crib room for the tenant's corn as well as his own. The corn is then divided by the crib. There were 1,100 acres of his farm in corn in 1895 which averaged a little over 80 bushels to the acre, which at the present low prices will bring him about \$10 per acre rent. Most of the corn raised on his farm last year is still on hand. Mr. Ream has tried raising and feeding both cattle and horses on a large scale, but has come to the conclusion that raising corn is the surest and best paying way of running his farm.

### WANTS \$5,000 DAMAGES.

A Bloomington Man Charged with Having Trifled with Miss Powell.

Through her attorneys, Saranman and Andrews, Corn Powell has filed in the circuit court a suit for damages in the sum of \$5,000 against William E. Newman. The formal action is for "trespas on the case" but it is really a breach of promise suit. The declaration has not yet been filed but the facts in the case have already been ventilated in the newspapers. Some time ago Newman and Miss Powell took a short trip together, and Newman sent a telegram from St. Louis to a friend in Decatur stating that he and Miss Powell had been married. The friend gave the telegram to the papers and it was duly published as an ordinary matter of news. After their return to Decatur the couple lived together as man and wife in the north part of town. They subsequently separated and Newman made a statement in the papers denying that he had ever married Miss Powell. Miss Powell also published a statement in which she accused Newman of deserting her after she had furnished their home and also gave him various sums of money. The present action grows out of these circumstances and the alleged refusal of Newman to marry Miss Powell. Loforgues & Leo are the attorneys for Newman and a hot legal battle is expected.

### ELEVATOR FIRE AT BLUE MOUND.

Property Valued at About \$3,500 Gone Up in Smoke—Insurance \$3,500.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

The Milburn Bros. elevator situated in the northeast part of Blue Mound along the track of the Wabash railroad, was destroyed by fire between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning. The building and its approaches were insured for \$3,200, probably all they were worth. Bill Bros. & Crow, who had the plant leased, had about three car loads of wheat and five car loads of corn in the building, about \$1,200 worth with \$800 insurance. About 5:20 an explosion was heard and simultaneously with the noise flames were seen bursting through the roof by persons who were looking in that direction. Some people think the fire was the result of spontaneous combustion while others are of the opinion that it is the work of an incendiary. E. E. Clements, who was delivering the Daily Globe-Democrat, received there at 5:00 a. m. passed within fifty feet of the elevator just ten minutes after 5 o'clock, about four minutes after the train passed, and he saw no signs of fire or smoke about the building, and about ten minutes later while delivering the papers in the center of town he heard the explosion and hurrying to a point where he could get a view he saw the whole upper portion of the building wrapped in flames with a great cloud of dust and smoke hovering above. The house company was on the scene a few minutes after the alarm was given and a stream of water was turned on the adjacent buildings and the fire was prevented from spreading.

### Horses Wanted.

Will be at 549 North Church street, Decatur, Ill., on Saturday, April 25, 1896. Would like some horses from 1,100 to 1,500 pounds. Horses must be well broken, sound and in good flesh, and from 5 to 8 years old. Highest market price will be paid.

Seth Pratt.

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## McKINLEY DELEGATES

Gen. Grosvenor's Claims for the Ohio Favorite.

### RESULTS COMPARED WITH FORECASTS.

Tables Showing the Number of Delegates Already Chosen and Estimates of Those Yet to be Elected A Sure Thing.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The following is the statement given out by Gen. Grosvenor last night, pursuant to the custom which has prevailed to announce the proceedings of the McKinley campaign in the press of each Monday. Gen. Grosvenor said:

"Before giving you the statement as it stands today, I want to call attention to my first bulletin, which was issued before any delegates had been elected. At that time I predicted that the vote for McKinley on the first ballot would be as stated below. I place now within the first column my prediction at that early date, and in the second column I place the results in all of the same states in which the full complement of delegates have been chosen."

| State          | McKinley | McKinley |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Alabama        | 18       | 18       |
| Arkansas       | 16       | 16       |
| California     | 18       | 18       |
| Florida        | 16       | 16       |
| Georgia        | 18       | 18       |
| Idaho          | 2        | 2        |
| Indiana        | 24       | 24       |
| Illinois       | 20       | 20       |
| Kansas         | 18       | 18       |
| Kentucky       | 16       | 16       |
| Louisiana      | 18       | 18       |
| Maine          | 10       | 10       |
| Michigan       | 20       | 20       |
| Mississippi    | 18       | 18       |
| Minnesota      | 28       | 28       |
| Missouri       | 16       | 16       |
| Montana        | 10       | 10       |
| New Jersey     | 10       | 10       |
| New Mexico     | 6        | 6        |
| North Carolina | 14       | 14       |
| North Dakota   | 10       | 10       |
| Ohio           | 46       | 46       |
| Oklahoma       | 8        | 8        |
| Oregon         | 8        | 8        |
| Pennsylvania   | 20       | 20       |
| South Dakota   | 8        | 8        |
| Tennessee      | 16       | 16       |
| Texas          | 14       | 14       |
| Utah           | 10       | 10       |
| Virginia       | 18       | 18       |
| West Virginia  | 12       | 1        |